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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES**

FILE NO. **100-21704**

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 5/29/44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/6, 7, 23, 30; 5/1, 6, 9, 14/44	REPORT MADE BY DAVID W. MAGEE AM
TITLE MILTON ZASLOW, with aliases: Michael Bartell, Mike Bartell, Solomon Newkirk.			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

MILTON ZASLOW, age 25, born in New York City June 28, 1918, presently employed as Marine machinist at West Coast Shipbuilding Corp., San Pedro. Has been member and functionary of Socialist Workers Party since Sept. 1941, having formerly been a member of the Workers Party. He believes in revolutionary Marxism, and is a militant leader of S.W.P. at San Pedro, and presently a member of Section Executive Committee of the S.W.P. His wife, nee EDITH MANN, receives 600 copies of the "MILITANT" each week for distribution. He is reported to be a disturbing factor at the West Coast Shipbuilding Corporation. Photograph available, and furnished to the Bureau.

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DETAILS:

MILTON ZASLOW is on the key figure list of the Los Angeles Field Division.

MILTON ZASLOW is an active functionary of the Socialist Workers Party at San Pedro, California. The Socialist Workers Party is the majority group of the organization of the individuals who follow the principles and program of the Fourth Internationale. The Socialist Workers Party therefore does not follow the program of the Stalinist Party, who follow the principles and programs of the Third Internationale.

NAME:

MILTON ZASLOW, with aliases: Michael Bartell, Mike Bartell, Solomon Newkirk

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Letter to ED M. ZASLOW, 1510 Osorno from ETTA ZASLOW,
1405 Prospect Place, New York City

The only mail received by MILTON ZASLOW is the publication of the MILITANT.

EDITH MANN, the present wife of MILTON ZASLOW, resides with him at 1510 Osorno, San Pedro, and receives, each week, a bundle of six hundred copies of the MILITANT, which is re-distributed by her to members of the Socialist Workers Party in the Harbor area. The MILITANT has a current program to secure subscribers, and the quota of new subscribers in the Los Angeles area is listed as four hundred. As of May 6, 1944, only sixty-five new subscribers have been secured. An article in the MILITANT of May 6, 1944, reflects that ten copies of the MILITANT were sold at a steel plant where the MILITANT has been distributed. This was in the Harbor area.

Mrs. MILTON ZASLOW, nee EDITH MANN
alias EDITH BERNSTEIN ZASLOW

When MILTON ZASLOW registered for the draft and when he made out his questionnaire, he reflected that he was single. Draft Board 225 of Los Angeles County however, received a letter from EDITH ZASLOW in September, 1943, advising that she was the wife of MILTON ZASLOW, and that she had married on October 4, 1941, place not given. The Draft Board record reflects that MILTON and EDITH ZASLOW were parents of a child as of November 1, 1942.

As EDITH MANN, she was formerly on the Section Executive Committee of the Workers Party, and became a member of the Socialist Workers Party, as reflected in the MILITANT of September 18, 1941, which, it will be noted, is the month prior to her marriage to MILTON ZASLOW.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE B advised that since April 7, 1944, EDITH MANN has received six hundred copies of the MILITANT each week, addressed to her as EDITH MANN at the ZASLOW residence, 1510 Osorno, San Pedro. The internal security investigation on the Workers Party reflects that EDITH MANN was formerly associated with JACK WILSON, the alias for JOHN B. WIDICK, the former organizer of the Workers Party at Los Angeles, and that she jointly possessed post office box with him in 1940. By way of identification, the Workers Party is the minority group of the Fourth Internationale, functioning in the United States under the leadership of MAX YACHTMAN.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE B, in February, 1944, advised that she was approached by Mrs. ZASLOW to join the Socialist Workers Party, which she refused to do, and reported the incident to the San Pedro police.

The Los Angeles Police Department has an arrest on an EDITH MANN, Los Angeles Police Department No. 133W13, arrested August 30, 1939, for violation of Los Angeles Ordinance 80170-S2 (picketing). On September 25, 1939, EDITH MANN was fined \$25.00, or five days. The fine was paid. On another violation growing out of the aforementioned charge, Section 242 Penal Code, she also

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RESIDENCE ADDRESS:

1510 Osorno, Channel Heights Housing Project
San Pedro (no residence telephone)

OCCUPATION:

Ship repairman (Marine machinist)

BUSINESS ADDRESS:

West Coast Shipbuilding Corporation, located at
Berth 55, Outer Harbor, San Pedro, California,
telephone HARBOR 6901.

NATIVITY:

Born in New York City June 28, 1918 (American
citizen)

NATIONALISTIC
TENDENCIES:

MILTON ZASLOW is known in the Socialist Workers
Party both under the name of MILTON ZASLOW, and
as MIKE BARTELL, according to CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES

A and B. The S.W.P. opposes the Communist Party. The S.W.P. is a militant organization which, before the entrance of the United States into the war, advocated revolution to overthrow the capitalist form of government in the United States. The S.W.P. adheres to the doctrine of CARL MARX and the method of placing the Marxist principles in operation advocated by this organization is of a much more militant character than that used by the Communist Party. The S.W.P. also advocates an independent labor party, aside from control of membership by any of the major political parties in this country.

MILTON ZASLOW is a member of Local No. 9 of the Shipbuilders' Union at San Pedro, an organization which has been placed under the control of an administrator because of the militant activity of Trotskyites within the union. Members of the S.W.P. are generally described as Trotskyites because LEON TROTSKY was the world leader of the Fourth Internationale before his assassination in Mexico. MILTON ZASLOW is a leader of the San Pedro Branch of the Socialist Workers Party. The S.W.P. in Southern California functions through three branches, namely, the San Pedro Branch, the South Gate Branch, sometimes known as the South Side Branch, and the Central Branch, located at Los Angeles.

CRIMINAL RECORD:

MILTON ZASLOW bears FBI criminal fingerprint number 1323229. Mrs. ANN SHAPIRO, Clerk, Kings County Probation Department, Room 511, at 120 Schermerhorn Street, Brooklyn, New York, furnished material from probation file No. 29646, relating to MIKE BARTELL, this being furnished the New York Field Division Office in September, 1943, in connection with the internal security investigation of the Socialist Workers Party. This record reflected that indictment No. 16967, filed on July 2, 1937, in County Court, Kings County, New York, against SOLOMON NEWKIRK, alias MILTON ZASLOW (true name), address then 1536 Park Place, Brooklyn, charged an injury to property, a misdemeanor. This record reflects that MILTON ZASLOW was convicted of this charge on March 17, 1938, after pleading guilty, and was sentenced on May 31, 1938, to the New York Reformatory. Execution of judgment, however, was suspended and he was placed on probation. An additional indictment, No. 16966, charging a violation of Section 726 of the Penal Law, New York (Stink Bomb Case), was dismissed on March 17, 1938. An abstract of the indictment states

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and had resigned from the Workers Party in favor of the Socialist Workers Party, and that he advocated that other Workers Party members should join the Socialist Workers Party. This article quoting MIKE BARTELL claimed, in substance, that the Workers Party had adopted a trend away from revolutionary Marxism and that he could not stand with the revisionists; further, that he expected to find political solidarity in the Socialist Workers Party. This article in the MILITANT lists other Workers Party members who had joined the S.W.P., and included EDITH MANN, who is presently the wife of MILTON ZASLOW, alias MIKE BARTELL.

On September 26, 1939, MIKE BARTELL, alias ZASLOW, was described as an organizer of the Young People's Socialist League, at which time he spoke on the subject "Second Imperialist War" at Solther Gata, University of California, according to [REDACTED]

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Under the name of MIKE BARTELL, he spoke at the Socialist Workers Party headquarters, 232 South Hill Street, on March 6, 1944, on the subject "Fourth Internationale vs. Second and Third Internationale - Peace Through Struggle for Socialism". SOURCE A furnished this information, and advised that 23 members of the S.W.P. attended, of which thirteen were men.

At a meeting of the Socialist Workers Party in Los Angeles on April 23, 1944, MILTON ZASLOW was elected on the Section Executive Committee of the Socialist Workers Party. Nine other members were elected to this position, according to SOURCE A. The Section Executive Committee governs the activity of the three branches of S.W.P. in Los Angeles.

MILTON ZASLOW, prior to June 15, 1943, resided in Apartment 86, at 1080 West 256th Street, Wilmington, California, in the Normont Terrace Housing Project.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES C and D advised that MILTON ZASLOW and his wife EDITH had meetings of an organization at the ZASLOW residence, and learned all the names of correspondents of MILTON ZASLOW, all of whom appeared to belong to the same group.

SOURCE C learned that MILTON ZASLOW had a Social Security card under the name of MICHAEL BARTELL, and that he sometimes used the name of MIKE BARTELL.

The correspondence of MILTON ZASLOW in the first part of June, 1943, included the following individuals:

ERNEST DARDY, 2221 235th Street, Lomita, California

F. B. PRONCE, 1125 Flint Avenue, Wilmington, California

HARVEY SANTIAGO (Negro), 1110 E. M Street, Wilmington, California

LESTER MELOY, 389 West O'Farrell Street, San Pedro, California

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organizer for the S.W.P. at Los Angeles, where he still is a functionary of the S.W.P. and the subject of an internal security investigation. DANIEL ZHITLOWSKY uses the alias of DAN ROBERTS.

In current activities at San Pedro, MILTON ZASLOW plays a very important part, in that most of the members of the S.W.P. at the present time are employed in one or more of the numerous shipyards engaged in National Defense in the harbor area. Among this group are HOWARD HAROLD ROSEN and wife, YETTA ROSEN, MYRA FARRELL, alias JANET BOWERS, a member of the Section Executive Committee, ADA ALBERTS, HENRY SNIPPER, LOUIS CICCONE, and a group of 75 or more others, all members of the S.W.P.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES C and D advised that one MILTON ZASLOW and his wife EDITH lived in their area, and he expressed strong opinions against President ROOSEVELT and against the prosecution of the war. MILTON ZASLOW and his wife moved from Apartment 86 at 1080 West 256th Street, Wilmington, California, to their present address of 1510 Osorno, San Pedro. SOURCES C and D stated that ZASLOW and his wife attended meetings at San Pedro on Thursday nights.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE B furnished the information that MILTON ZASLOW was in San Diego, California, during part of 1940 as an organizer for the Cannery Workers Union of the CIO, and that he was a delegate to the Cannery Workers, New York Convention in 1939.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE B has a record that MILTON ZASLOW was in attendance at a S.W.P. meeting at Los Angeles the night of January 19, 1942, held at 416 1/2 West 82nd Street, Los Angeles, and that among those present were LOUIS CICCONE, presently a member of the South Gate Branch of the S.W.P., JOHN CURSKE, and ABE TANK.

CORRESPONDENCE:

MILTON ZASLOW and his wife EDITH have corresponded with the following people during 1943, when they were under investigation in connection with the Socialist Workers Party:

Letter to EDITH ZASLOW, 1510 Osorno, San Pedro, California, from D. BERNSTEIN, address 232 West 4th Street, New York City, on October 18, 1943.

Letter to EDITH ZASLOW, 1510 Osorno, San Pedro, California, from D. BERNSTEIN, 232 West 4th Street, New York City, on November 4, 1943.

Letter to EDITH ZASLOW from a Mrs. G. M. COLEMAN, Route 2, Box 773, Porter, California, November 11, 1943.

Letter to EDITH ZASLOW from D. BERNSTEIN, 284 4th Street, New York City, dated November 19, 1943.

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received a fine of \$25.00, which was paid. No photograph was taken of EDITH MANN on this charge.

INFORMANTS A, C and D described Mrs. ZASLOW as follows:

Age:	33
Height:	5 ft, 2" or 3"
Weight:	105 pounds
Hair:	Black
Features:	Small
Face:	Very small, long, thin
Eyes:	Dark, large
Hair:	Worn combed back and tied with a ribbon, generally
Dress:	Generally wears Navy blue slacks and a short tan overcoat

ACTIVITIES AT WEST COAST SHIPBUILDING CORPORATION,
SAN PEDRO

Of recent months, according to CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE B, there have been disturbing factors at the West Coast Shipyard Corporation. The leaders of these disturbances are members of either the Socialist Workers Party or the Workers Party, which appeared to join together in their program of union activities of Local No. 9 of the Shipbuilders Union. PAUL ROYICH and MARSHAL GLUCKMAN of the Workers Party, as well as MILTON ZASLOW of the Socialist Workers Party, appeared to be the leaders of the labor disturbances at the West Coast plant. This group have joint meetings once a month at the I.O.O.F. Hall, San Pedro, and they describe themselves as a progressive group. The Secretary of this progressive group is CHRISTIAN MARTIN LARSEN, who was employed at the West Coast on December 3, 1943, age 39, a native of Nebraska, residing at 1677 West 251st Street, Harbor City, California.

PERSONAL HISTORY AND
DESCRIPTION OF MILTON ZASLOW

Name:	MILTON ZASLOW, with aliases: Michael Bartell, Mike Bartell, Solomon Newkirk
Residence:	1510 Osorno, Channel Heights Housing Project, San Pedro
Age:	25, born June 28, 1918
Birthplace:	New York City
Height:	5 feet 8 inches
Weight:	175 pounds
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Brown, slightly curly
Complexion:	Light
Peculiarities:	One leg shorter than the other; full lips, broad nose

Draft classification:

4-F registered with LDB 225, Los Angeles County, Order No. 2303, draft board location, 3112 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles; listed as friend to be notified in case of emergency, NORM BORISOFF, residing at 424 North Gardner, Los Angeles

Marital Status:

Married EDITH MANN on October 4, 1941, and parent since November 1, 1942. Not registered as a voter, Los Angeles County; occupation, Marine machinist (Shipyard repair, West Coast Shipbuilding Corporation, San Pedro). At time of registration for draft, employed at Vega Airplane Company (October 16, 1940). Later employed at the Johnson Iron Works, 119 North Main Street, Los Angeles, as of May 31, 1941, and at the Bethlehem Steel Corporation as of June 30, 1942.

Photograph:

A 1943 photograph of subject MILTON ZASLOW is available and is being furnished the Bureau by letter, with copy retained in the Los Angeles file.

Education:

College of City of New York, two years (left 1938); Burbank Wiggins Trade School, Los Angeles, two months, August and September, 1940.

Father:

DAVID ZASLOW, last known address, 1539 Park Place, New York, factory worker

Mother:

ETTA ZASLOW, a press operator, same address, as of May, 1940; both parents born in Russia.

Brother:

HAROLD ZASLOW, electric operator, New York, born in the United States.

Brothers:

SAUL ZASLOW, born United States, occupation cashier, New York.

Former Residence Addresses:

Apt. 86, 1080 West 256th, Wilmington, Cal. 1943 to June 6, 1943.
1331 Lilac Terrace, Los Angeles, Feb. 1941.
424 North Gardner, Los Angeles, September and October, 1940
902 Mar View, Los Angeles, February, 1939
826 Waterloo Street, Los Angeles, 1940
416 West 82nd Street, Los Angeles, Jan. 1942
2210 Lake Shore, Los Angeles, March, 1941
1539 Park Place, Brooklyn, New York, 1935-1939
1133 So. Hope, Los Angeles, June to Sept. 1940
3372 Descanso Drive, Los Angeles, March 1939 to June, 1940.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

At New York City, is requested to secure the personal history of MILTON ZASLOW at New York University, where he left in 1938;

Is requested to ascertain the identity of D. BERNSTEIN, with whom EDITH ZASLOW has considerable correspondence, possibly a relative, and possibly a functionary of the Socialist Workers Party, who resides at either 282 West Fourth, or 284 West Fourth, or 232 West Fourth Street, New York City.

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

At San Pedro, California, will discreetly determine whether MILTON ZASLOW is a disturbing factor at the West Coast Shipbuilding Corporation.

At Los Angeles, California, will continue to report the Socialist Workers Party activities of MILTON ZASLOW in both San Pedro and Los Angeles, as he is a member of the Section Executive Committee since April 23, 1944.

Will report the mail cover on the MILTON ZASLOW residence, 1510 Osorno, San Pedro, California.

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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES

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TO : Director

FROM : Sac, Los Angeles

DATE: May 29, 1944

SUBJECT: MILTON ZASLOW, with aliases: Michael Bartell,
Mike Bartell, Solomon Newkirk
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The above named individual is on the Section Executive Committee of the Socialist Workers Party at Los Angeles, and is a leading functionary of this group at San Pedro, where he is employed at the West Coast Shipbuilding Corporation as a Marine machinist.

MILTON ZASLOW is being placed on the key figure list of the Los Angeles Field Division office, inasmuch as both he and his wife, nee EDITH MANN, are militant leaders of this group.

MILTON ZASLOW was born in New York City on June 28, 1918, and is classed 4-F in the draft because one leg is shorter than the other.

I am enclosing herewith a 1943 photograph of MILTON ZASLOW which is an excellent likeness, clipped to an index card bearing his description. Copy of this photograph is being placed in the Los Angeles Division office file.

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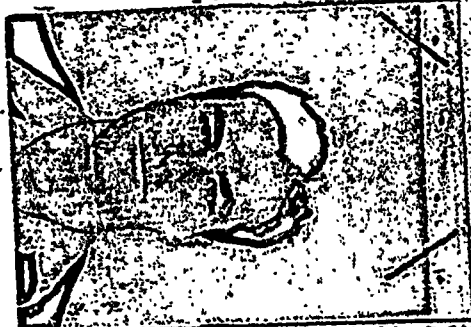
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**WILTON ZASLOW, description:
(1943)**

Age: 25
Date of birth: 6/28/18
Birthplace: New York City
Height: 5 ft. 8 inches
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Brown, slightly curly

Complexion: Light
Facial features: 1.198, shorter than the others; full lips; broad nose

Address: 1510 Osorno,
Channel Heights,
Housing Project,
San Pedro.



Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Los Angeles, 13, California
May 29, 1944

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Re: MILTON ZASLOW, was.
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Dear Sir:

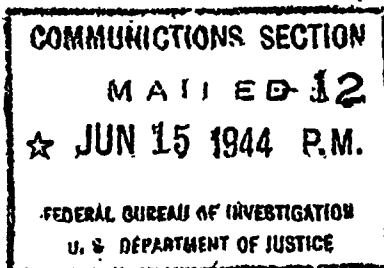
Kindly furnish the known criminal record of the following:

Name (inc. aliases)	City, Police Arrest, or Other Number.	Approximate date Fingerprints forwarded Federal Bureau of Investigation.	Fingerprint Classification.
MILTON ZASLOW, with aliases: Michael Bartell Mike Bartell Solomon Newkirk	FBI: 		

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Special Agent in Charge,

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TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, Los Angeles
SUBJECT: MILTON ZASLOW, with aliases
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: July 7, 1944

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The above-entitled individual is on the Key Figure List of the Los Angeles Field Division Office, being a member of the Section Executive Committee of the Socialist Workers Party. This Section comprises three branches.

Kindly be informed that on June 17, 1944, MILTON ZASLOW moved to the address of 428 East 83rd Street, Los Angeles, California, from his old address, 1510 Osorno at San Pedro, California.

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Director, FBI

RE: SECURITY MATTER

Dear Sir:

It is recommended that a Security Index card be prepared relative to the individual named below:

Name: MILTON ZASLOW with aliases Michael Bartell, Mike
 Aliases: Bartel, Solomon Newkirk

Residence Address: 428 East 83rd Street
Los Angeles, California

Business Address:

X Native Born _____ Alien _____ Naturalized

X Communist T.F. _____ German _____ Miscellaneous
 (TROTSKY 4th International)

_____ Fascist (Italian) _____ Japanese _____

Date of Birth June 28, 1918
 Place of Birth New York City
 Entered U. S. _____ at _____
 Naturalized (date) _____
 Naturalized (place and Court) _____

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Very truly yours,

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 7/29/44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/23; 7/3, 5, 6/44	REPORT MADE BY
TITLE MILTON ZASLOW, with aliases			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY-C
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject attended college of the City of New York 1934 to 1938 studying social science and was active in numerous college clubs, including the American Student Union, reportedly communist dominant. Mrs. D. BERNSTEIN, 282 West Fourth St., NYC, is listed as a subscriber to the Militant, organ of the Social Workers Party. - R U C - REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent DAVID W. MAGRE dated 5/29/44 at Los Angeles. DETAILS: <u>AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK</u> Miss MARY ASELIN, Registrar's Office, College of the City of New York, advised that the subject attended this College from February 1934 to February 1938 studying Social Science. His registration card reflected that his address was 857 East 176th Street, Bronx, N.Y.; his father's name is DAVID ZASLOW and he was born in Russia and became a naturalized American citizen in 1910. The subject was born in New York City on June 28, 1918 and is of Jewish descent. Miss CELIA LIFLAND, Secretary to the Dean of Men, College of the City of New York, advised that the subject was a member of the American Student Union; the Student Council; the Society For Student Liberties; the Philosophy Club; and President of the Senior Class while attending this College. She said that she believed that the American			
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Student Union was dominated by Communists at the time of the subject's membership.

Investigation in the vicinity of 282 East Fourth Street, New York City, revealed that a Mrs. DORA L. BERNSTEIN resides at this address in apartment 3A. Listed on the mail box with Mrs. BERNSTEIN was SUSAN DIAMOND and LIGHTSTONE-BEVGAN.

WILLIE SAMS, colored, is a superintendent of this apartment building. He said that Mrs. BERNSTEIN had lived in this apartment about three years; that she works during the day and appears to be about 40 or 45 years old. He said that he did not know anything about the other occupants of the apartment and did not know any of Mrs. BERNSTEIN's relatives. He said that he had never known Mrs. BERNSTEIN to have meetings of any kind in her apartment and that she appeared to be an ordinary loyal American citizen to him.

A review of the files of the New York office revealed that Mrs. D. BERNSTEIN, 282 West Fourth Street, Apartment 3A, New York City, is a subscriber to the Militant published by the Militant Publishing Co., 116 University Place, New York City, organ of the Socialist Workers Party.

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REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 2/19/44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/5, 20, 7/1, 2, 15, 8/1-3, 7, 9, 12/44	REPORT MADE BY DAVID W. MAGEE dgb
TITLE MILTON ZASLOW, with aliases Michael Bartell, Mike Bartell Solomon Newkirk			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - SWP

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: MILTON ZASLOW, member of Section Executive Committee of SWP since 4-23-44, wife known in SWP as EDITH MANN, has moved from San Pedro 6-17-44 to 4282 83rd Street, South Gate, Calif. ZASLOW is now a member of South Side Branch, SWP, and is organizing a group known as the Workers Defense Guards, reportedly for the purpose of opposing any Stalinist attack. ZASLOW married EDITH MANN, nee EDITH CERNSTEIN, at Los Angeles, 10-4-41. ZASLOW is employed as a marine machinist at the West Coast Shipyards, San Pedro, where he is considered an agitator, and is now in class 2-B (F) under the Selective Service Act. EDITH MANN, while at San Pedro, received from 300 to 500 copies of THE MILITANT for distribution.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent DAVID W. MAGEE, dated 5-29-44, at Los Angeles, California.

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DETAILS:

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ZASLOW, under the name of MIKE BARTELL, according to information received by Confidential Source A, was elected on the Section Executive Committee of the Socialist Workers Party at Los Angeles. There are nine members on this Section Executive Committee which governs the activities of three branches of the Socialist Workers Party, namely, the Central Branch at Los Angeles, the South Side Branch at South Gate, California, and the San Pedro Branch at San Pedro, California.

Sources A and B identified ZASLOW as a member of the San Pedro Branch,

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and advised that he has been employed at the West Coast Shipbuilding Corporation, San Pedro, California.

The Socialist Workers Party is the majority group composed of individuals who follow the principles and program of the Fourth International and generally known as Trotskyites.

It was ascertained through the San Pedro Post Office and through Confidential Source C that MILTON ZASLOW, who had been residing at 1510 Osorno, Channel Heights Housing Project, San Pedro, had moved to South Gate, California, on June 17, 1944. The Post Office advised that there was a change of address on that date to 428 East 83rd Street, which is in South Gate, California.

Source D, in the latter part of June, 1944, learned that MILTON ZASLOW, under the name of MIKE BARTELL, was a member of the South Side Branch at South Gate, California. While at San Pedro, California, Source C advised as of June 5, 1944 that EDITH MANN was living with ZASLOW and reported to be his wife. It was also ascertained from Source C that an individual named ADA ALBERT was residing with the ZASLOW family at 1510 Osorno, which was Dwelling No. 148 at the Channel Heights Housing Project.

Source C advised that under the name of MILTON ZASLOW subject had a telephone number, Harbor 6585 J, when residing at San Pedro.

Source C advised that a Mr. and Mrs. HARRY HERBST, who were residing in Dwelling No. 43 at 1515 Natal Street, were very friendly with MILTON ZASLOW up to the time that the subject moved from San Pedro. Mrs. HARRY HERBST, according to Source C, was employed in the shipyards, and her husband, HARRY, generally known as DUKE, joined the Army Transport Service the early part of June, 1944, and was reported to have command of an Army tug with a Chief's rating and possessing a marine pilot's license.

Source C advised that EDITH MANN, wife of ZASLOW, each week receives a large bundle of THE MILITANT, and addresses a mail wrapper forwarding THE MILITANT to various subscribers as well as to certain tenants at the Channel Heights Housing Project.

In May, 1944, Source C advised that a woman named ANN stayed with the ZASLOWS for about three weeks, and described ANN as 5'3 or 4", weight 125-30, age 34-40, round face, dark eyes, sallow olive complexion, dark brown hair, Jewish in appearance. Source C stated this individual did not appear to work.

Source C advised that a Negro named CARPENTER, living in Dwelling 141 on Natal Street, appeared to be very friendly with ZASLOW in the early part of June, 1944.

On April 30, 1944, Source B identified an automobile bearing the license 1944 California 67 P 724 at a picnic of the Socialist Workers Party at South Side Park, located at 51st and South Avalon Boulevard, Los Angeles. This

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car is registered to MILTON ZASLOW, address 1510 Osorno Street, and is described as a 1936 Plymouth 6-cylinder sedan. The legal title is held by the Bank of America, Sixth and Palos Verdes Street, San Pedro.

Confidential Source E advised that the records of the Los Angeles County Draft Board No. 225 reflect that MILTON ZASLOW was born in New York City, June 28, 1918, and as of August 7, 1944 was classified 2-B (F). This draft card reflects that as of 1942 he was working at the Bethlehem Shipyards, and that since September 17, 1943, he has been employed as a marine machinist at the West Coast Shipyard and Repair Company, San Pedro, California. According to this source, his draft card reflected that MILTON ZASLOW had moved to 427 East 83rd Street, Los Angeles, telephone Twin Oaks 1613. MILTON ZASLOW bears order number 2303 at Local Board 225, Los Angeles.

AT SAN PEDRO, CALIFORNIA

Mr. C. E. MUSSEN, official of the West Coast Shipyard, San Pedro, advised that there have been no work stoppages caused by any members of the Socialist Workers Party since April, 1944. He advised that on this occasion MILTON ZASLOW and PAUL BOYICH were active in having a meeting called in behalf of the Local 9 CIO, Marine and Shipbuilders Union, following the dismissal of one individual. Mr. MUSSEN stated that in April, 1944, one man had been dismissed, and the rest of the men in his department, including about 20 men, had decided to quit work to have a pow-wow or conference in regard to this dismissal, and that ZASLOW and BOYICH attempted to have a meeting of all the employees of the West Coast Shipyard, including about 350 men. The work stoppage of about 20 men lasted only thirty minutes to an hour, and did not affect the other employees, according to Mr. MUSSEN.

PAUL BOYICH, mentioned above, is not a member of the Socialist Workers Party, but was formerly connected with the Workers Party, a minority group of the Trotsky element, and he is fully identified in the internal security investigation on the Workers Party at Los Angeles.

Confidential Source F advised that MILTON ZASLOW and PAUL BOYICH have both been troublemakers at the West Coast Shipbuilding Corporation, and that other troublemakers there in CIO Shipbuilders Union Local 9 were G. M. L. OLSON, age 33, now in the Merchant Marine, a Mr. MERTON GRANDY, age 33, also now in the Merchant Marine. Source F advises that G. M. L. OLSON was formerly Secretary of the Progressive group, which was a faction of Local 9 of the Shipbuilders Union, and that the others, namely BOYICH, GRANDY and ZASLOW, were very prominent in this Progressive group. Source F states that the Progressive group was holding weekly meetings, discussing matters in the various shipyards, and generally fomenting trouble which did not reach the actual stage of a strike or work stoppage.

Source F states that MILTON ZASLOW was first employed at the West Coast Shipyards on May 20, 1943, and is now rated as a Marine Machinist, receiving \$1.20 an hour.

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Source F identified one ROY THOMAS TRENT, born Oklahoma, April 18, 1916, residing at 628 1/2 North Virgil, Los Angeles, as a more recent friend of MILTON ZASLOW, and as one who has been agitating around the West Coast shipyards since his first employment there March 27, 1941. It was ascertained that ROY THOMAS TRENT is in class 2-B, Order No. 718, at Los Angeles County Draft Board No. 228, and that he is a married man, employed as a machinist.

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The records of the Los Angeles County Clerk reflect that MILTON ZASLOW, as of October 4, 1941, address then 1072 Laguna Avenue, Los Angeles, age 23, single, born New York City and employed as a sheet metal worker at the shipyards, married EDITH BERNSTEIN, address then 1327 Silver Terrace, Los Angeles, white, age 28, born New York City, a dress operator in the garment industry, claiming as father, AARON BERNSTEIN, born New York and mother, nee DORA LOTSTEIN, born Russia. This marriage was performed by Judge DUDLEY VALENTINE, and the witnesses listed were MARY DONOVAN and ABE TANKANSON. The marriage record reflected this was the first marriage for both MILTON ZASLOW and EDITH BERNSTEIN. ZASLOW listed his father as DAVID ZASLOW, born Russia, and mother, nee ETIA SELIGMAN, born Russia.

EDITH BERNSTEIN is identical with EDITH MANN as she is known in the Socialist Workers Party, according to Confidential Sources A, B, C and D.

Confidential Source G remembers the arrest of EDITH MANN by the Los Angeles Police Department on August 30, 1939, Arrest No. 1331-W-13. Source G also remembers the arrest of EDITH MANN, as of July 29 and August 9, 1941 by the Los Angeles Police Department. Source G advised these arrests grew out of union disturbances and picketing.

On her arrest of August 30, 1941, according to the records of the Los Angeles Police Department, she was described as age 28, height 5'3", weight 108 pounds, hair brown, eyes brown, occupation dress operator, born New York, Russian descent, then residing at 116 West 11th Street, Los Angeles.

The arrest of August 30, 1939 was on a charge of City Ordinance 80170-S2, which is a picketing ordinance. On this charge, consisting of four counts, she was found guilty and fined \$25 each or five days, on two of the counts. She paid the fine on September 25, 1939, and the two other counts on this particular charge were dismissed.

On the arrest of July 29, 1941, the charge was battery in two counts. On October 8, 1941 she was found not guilty on one count, found guilty on the second count, and given a fine of \$10 or two days, both of which were suspended.

The arrest of August 9, 1941 also charged battery, but on October 15, 1941, EDITH MANN was found not guilty on this charge. Arrested at the same

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time were three other women named PAULA ARAGON, then age 23, a union organizer, and two individuals named VIRGINIA BABRAZA and ALICE INGRAHAM. The Los Angeles Police Department did not photograph EDITH MANN on any of the three arrests,

ADA BAKER, aforementioned as having resided with the ZASLOWS at San Pedro, is identified as a member of the Socialist Workers Party in the internal security investigation reports on that organization.

It was ascertained from Source H that EDITH ZASLOW, address 427 East 83rd Street, Los Angeles, opened a checking account at the Security First National Bank, Central and Slauson Avenues, on June 16, 1944, in the amount of \$16.52, which was transferred from the San Pedro Branch. It was noted by Source H on the application card for EDITH ZASLOW that she indicated her maiden name was LIGHTSTONE. The New York investigation, as reflected in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated July 29, 1944, in instant case, reveals that DORA L. BERNSTEIN, SUSAN DEAMOND and LIGHTSTONE-REVGAN all resided at 282 East Fourth Street, New York City. It is noted also that Mrs. D. BERNSTEIN, at this New York address, subscribes to THE MILITANT, the weekly newspaper of the Socialist Workers Party, published at the Socialist Workers Party Headquarters, 116 University Place, New York.

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No bank account was located on MILTON ZASLOW or his aliases.

Confidential Source D, who is in a position to know of the members of the Socialist Workers Party at the South Side Branch, South Gate, California, advised that at the meeting on August 2, 1944, ZASLOW, under the name of MIKE BARTELL, indicated there was going to be a meeting of the WORKERS DEFENSE GUARDS, which was being reorganized. This announcement occurred at a meeting of members of the South Side Branch, 8026 Seville Avenue, South Gate, at which time there were 16 members present, including 6 women and 1 Negro. Source D advised that MYRA FARRELL was the main speaker of the evening, choosing as her subject, "The Coming Elections and the Workers."

Source D learned that the group composing the WORKERS DEFENSE GUARD held a secret meeting at the South Side Headquarters, the night of August 3, 1944. ~~u~~

At the August 2, 1944 meeting, Source D identified an individual who was either a new member or a special guest, using the name of JIM HAWLEY, described by Source D as height 5'5", weight 160 pounds, age 38, sandy hair, somewhat gray, light blue-gray eyes, reported to be working at the present time with a steel company, and a member of CIO Steel Workers Organizing Committee, Local 509. Source D advised that he formerly was an employee at the General Motors Plant at South Gate. ~~u~~

~~Source D stated that MORRIS KOTRMAN, generally identified under the nickname of HY on HELLAN, is now the literature agent for the South Side~~

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~~Branch of the Socialist Workers Party, and that [redacted] is either Secretary of the Section of the Socialist Workers Party or of the Central Branch of the S.W.P.~~ X U

At the South Side Branch meeting of August 9, 1944, Source D advised that MIKE BARTELL indicated that the purpose of the WORKERS DEFENSE GUARDS was to protect themselves against the Stalinists (Communists) who they thought might try to break up the Trotsky Memorial Meeting of the S.W.P. to be held at the Embassy Auditorium in Los Angeles the night of August 20, 1944. X U

Source D learned that it was announced at this August 9 meeting that the Steel Fraction would hold a meeting Friday night, August 11, at the home of MILTON ZASLOW, 427 East 83rd Street, South Gate. There would also be a social at the home of MILTON ZASLOW, Saturday night, August 12, 1944. X U

Source D stated that the meeting of August 9, 1944 was in the form of a discussion with questions and answers, and that the Chairman would ask questions such as "When the war is over, will America have to fight Russia?", "Is Most of the wealth of this country held by the Jews?", "Would it not be better to have a more American name for the party than Trotsky?", "Would we not be able to solve our problems if we all turned to the Bible?", "How does THE MILITANT uphold the strikers and at the same time say it does not encourage strikers?", "If the Trotskyites were in control of the government, would the right of free speech be given to the Fascists?". X U

Source D has not learned of the official title of MILTON ZASLOW at the South Side Branch, but advised that he appears to be the strongest leader or functionary since he became affiliated with this branch. X U

Source D identified MILTON ZASLOW at a meeting of the South Side Branch the night of June 28, 1944, when 14 members were present, and at which time the members discussed the history of the CIO-UAW Union through its organizational phases. Source D states they also discussed the talents of the officers of the UAW, as well as the past sit-down strikes. Source D states that this meeting of June 28, 1944 also covered a discussion of the reopening of a workers school and a report concerning the subscription drive of THE MILITANT. X U

Confidential Source A attended a meeting of the Central Branch of the Socialist Workers Party at Los Angeles, the night of May 9, 1944, and advised that MIKE BARTELL was Chairman. At this meeting, GEORGE NOVACK, National Chairman of the Civil Rights Defense Committee and a national officer of the Socialist Workers Party, was the main speaker. This meeting was attended by 57 members, including 34 men. NOVACK made a report on his travels across the country with respect to raising funds and support for the Civil Rights Defense Committee who have a program in effect to secure the pardon and release of 18 convicted S.W.P. members, convicted in Minneapolis, Minnesota, for violation of the Smith Act.

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Source A stated MIKE BARTELL was Chairman of the afternoon meeting of the Socialist Workers Party on April 23, 1944. MYRA FARRELL acted as Secretary, according to Source A, and this was an annual meeting for the election of officers to the Section Committee. Source A advised that the nominations were placed in effect during the afternoon session when MIKE BARTELL was Chairman, and the election took place at the night meeting. Source A advised that MIKE BARTELL was elected on the Section Executive Committee of the Socialist Workers Party, receiving 42 votes. ADA ALBERT, aforementioned, according to Source A was elected as an alternate on the Section Executive Committee.

A mail cover placed on the mail of MILTON ZASLOW and EDITH MANN at 427 East 83rd Street, Los Angeles, disclosed mail as of August 5, 1944 from DR. OSCAR JACOBS, a dentist, 333 West Sixth Street, San Pedro; D. L. CARPENTIER, 1511 Natal Court, Channel Heights Housing Project, San Pedro; and a letter addressed to EDITH MANN, care of ZASLOW, from the Railway Express Agency, 220 West Sixth Street, San Pedro, California, as of August 8, 1944. MILTON ZASLOW received copies of THE MILITANT newspaper at his new address through July, 1944. Mrs. EDITH ZASLOW received a letter on July 15, 1944 from D. BERNSTEIN, 282 West Fourth Street, postmarked at Far Rockaway, New York. On July 25, EDITH ZASLOW received a letter from a party named TANKENSON, return address 60 Olive Mill Road, Santa Barbara. This is probably the witness listed at the marriage of ZASLOW to EDITH BERNSTEIN.

Mr. and Mrs. ZASLOW received a letter on August 3, 1944 from E. ZASLOW, 1405 Prospect Place, Brooklyn, New York. This is probably the mother of MILTON ZASLOW. EDITH ZASLOW received a letter from the Security First National Bank, Central and Slauson Branch, 5821 South Central Avenue, on August 3, 1944. On July 29, a letter was received at the ZASLOW residence addressed to Mrs. MICHAEL ZASLOW from a HILDA REVZAN, 120 Washington Place, New York City, postmarked Brooklyn, New York.

At the South Side Branch meeting of August 2, 1944, was a car parked in that vicinity bearing license 10 X 858, which was registered to JAMES A. HAWLEY, 2523 Crewe Street, Whittier, California. This is the individual identified by Confidential Source D in a prior paragraph. X-4

WORKERS DEFENSE GUARDS

It has not been ascertained as yet the full purpose of the WORKERS DEFENSE GUARDS of the Socialist Workers Party. The group seems to be sponsored by MILTON ZASLOW, according to Informant D. A surveillance was conducted relative to the meeting of August 3, 1944 at the South Side Branch, and license numbers of cars parked in front of the headquarters and in that vicinity obtained, which identified the following known members of the S.W.P. as having been present: X-4

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1944 California license 46 N 721
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1937 Chevrolet 6-cylinder sedan

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JACK A. SHEPHERD, 3285 Lynwood Road, Lynwood
1940 Hudson Sedan

7 W 7322
LOUIS CIGGONE, 2505 Iowa Avenue, South Gate
1941 Chevrolet-6 Sedan

8 W 3470
L. U. KEPPINGER, 2467 Poplar Street, Walnut Park
1940 Chevrolet - 6 Coupe

Other car licenses secured may be later identified as belonging to individuals who are members of the Socialist Workers Party.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

At South Gate, California

Will continue to report the activities of MILTON ZASLOW, with aliases, and his wife, EDITH MANN, with respect to the activities of the South Side Branch meetings, and particularly with reference to the WORKERS DEFENSE GUARDS..

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The above individuals requested that their identity be kept confidential..

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August 26, 1944

Special Agent in Charge
Los Angeles, California

RE: SECURITY MATTER

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that a security index card has been prepared at the Bureau, captioned as follows:

ZASLOW, MILTON

NATIVE BORN

COMMUNIST

Alias: Michael Bartell
Mike Bartel
Solomon Newmark

428 East 83rd Street
Los Angeles, California (Res.)

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The above caption should be checked immediately for accuracy against the information contained in your files, and the Bureau should be informed of any discrepancies. You will prepare without delay a 5" x 8" white card captioned as above and reflecting your investigative case file number for filing in your Confidential Security Index Card File. In the event the above caption is not correct, the card you prepare should be correctly captioned, and the Bureau should be informed of the correct caption.

The caption of the card prepared and filed in your Office must be kept current at all times and the Bureau immediately advised of any changes made therein in that connection.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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In accordance with your request, the Chicago Office is designated the Office of Origin. Inasmuch as subject was previously carried on the Key Figure list in the Los Angeles Office and is at present the head of the Socialist Workers Party at Chicago, it will be assured that his name has been placed on the Key Figure list in the Chicago Field Office unless the Bureau is advised to the contrary.

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Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
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Mr. Hendon _____
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Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: MILTON ZASLOW, with aliases
INTERNAL SECURITY - SWP
Bureau file 100-313123

DATE: January 18, 1945

The above-named individual, who has been on the key figure list of the Los Angeles Field Office, is now residing with his wife, EDITH MANN, with aliases, at 1217 East 44th Place, Apartment 402, Chicago, Illinois. He left Los Angeles about November 1, 1944, to attend the National Convention of the Socialist Workers Party and never returned to Los Angeles but is presently head of the Socialist Workers Party at Chicago. The latter fact is reflected in the Internal Security investigation of the Socialist Workers Party as indicated in the report of Special Agent CLARK P. DIGGINS, Chicago, December 22, 1944.

Kindly authorize the change of the office of origin in this case from Los Angeles to Chicago.

Attached to the Chicago copy of this letter are the following reports and communications pertaining to MILTON ZASLOW, which are necessary for the Chicago investigation on this subject:

Report of Special Agent David W. Magee, Los Angeles, 5/29/44.
Report of Special Agent [redacted] New York, 7/29/44.
Bureau letter 8/26/44.
Report of Special Agent David W. Magee, Los Angeles, 9/19/44.
Report of Special Agent David W. Magee, Los Angeles, 1/18/45 (2 copies)

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Two photographs of MILTON ZASLOW were transmitted to Chicago with the report of January 18.

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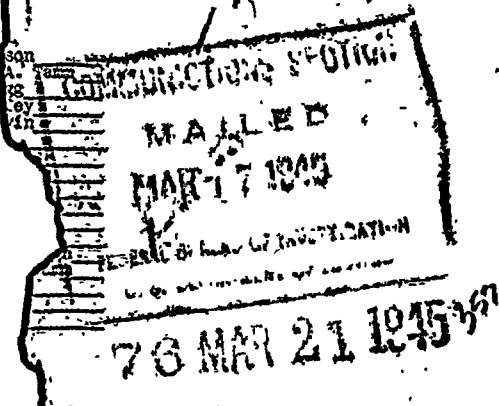
MILTON ZASLOW, with aliases
INTERNAL SECURITY - SWP

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent David W. Magee dated at Los Angeles, California, January 18, 1945.

Contrary to existing instructions, a Bureau report is cited as the source of certain information in the fifth paragraph of page four of the referenced report. The actual source of this information should, of course, have been set out. It is requested that you bring this matter to the attention of Special Agent Magee in order that errors of this nature may be avoided in the future.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES**

FILE NO. **100-21704**

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 1/18/45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/2-4, 9, 11, 12, 23, 12/7, 8, 16, 18/43; 1/3-5/45	REPORT MADE BY DAVID W. MAGEE	KH
TITLE MILTON ZASLOW, with aliases; Michael Bartell, Mike Bartel, Solomon Newkirk			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - SWP	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

MILTON ZASLOW, a member of the Section Executive Committee of the SWP at LA since 4/23/44 and of the Workers Defense Guards of the South Side Branch, SWP, attended the national convention of the SWP at N.Y. in November 1944. He did not return to LA, but moved to Chicago with his wife, EDITH MANN, residing at 1217 E. 44th Place, Apt. 402. Under name of MIKE BARTEL, was elected as an alternate member of the National Committee at the November 1944 convention. Now reported to be head of the SWP in Chicago. Placed in 1-A for draft on 1/6/45.

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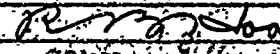
REFERENCE: Bureau file No. 100-213123.
Report of Special Agent David W. Magee, Los Angeles, 9/19/44.

DETAILS:

MILTON ZASLOW, better known as MIKE BARTEL, is on the key figure list of the Los Angeles Field Office.

AT SAN PEDRO, CALIFORNIA.

Mr. PAUL THEODORE, Personnel Director of the West Coast Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Corporation, advised that MILTON ZASLOW took leave of absence from November 1 to December 1 for the purpose of a trip to New York City. He advised that subject ZASLOW did not return to work on December 1, and that a letter was received from him on December 20, advising,

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that he was resigning his job with West Coast Shipyards and that he was then residing at Apartment 42 (possibly 402), 1217 East 44th Street, Chicago, Illinois. Agent ascertained that the telephone Twin Oaks 1613 at the Los Angeles residence of MILTON ZASLOW, 427 East 83d Street, was disconnected on December 13, 1944. MILTON ZASLOW had previously resided at 1510 Osorno, Channel Heights Housing Project, San Pedro, with EDITH MANN, who is known as his wife and sometimes known as EDITH ZASLOW, nee EDITH BERNSTEIN. MILTON ZASLOW had married EDITH BERNSTEIN at Los Angeles on October 4, 1941. One of the witnesses to this marriage was listed, according to the records, as ABE TANKENSON. A mail cover on the mail of EDITH ZASLOW at 427 East 83d Street, Los Angeles, disclosed that ABE TANKENSON was in correspondence with EDITH ZASLOW as of July 26, 1944, having a return address of 60 Olive Mill Road, Santa Barbara, California.

Confidential Source A advised that starting about the middle of June 1944, subject ZASLOW, under the name of MIKE BARTEL, began to appear at meetings of the South Side Branch of the Socialist Workers Party held on Wednesday nights at 8026 South Seville Avenue, South Gate, California. ~~X U~~

Source A advised that on August 2, 1944, MILTON ZASLOW was selected by the South Side Branch to head a group that was being formed, known as the "Workers Defense Guards." Source A advised that a meeting was to be held on the night of August 3, 1944, at the SWP headquarters in South Gate, 8026 South Seville Avenue, to formulate plans for the Workers Defense Guards. Reporting agent conducted a surveillance at that place and obtained automobile license numbers identifying the registrants heretofore known to be connected with the SWP as follows: ~~X U~~

~~46 W 721, registered to MORRIS STRUMAN, also known as BEN STRUMAN, 1271 Schick Avenue, Los Angeles, on a 1937 Chevrolet sedan. Agent ascertained that MORRIS STRUMAN is employed at the Brooklyn General Salvage Company, 4355 Brooklyn Avenue, telephone Angelus 47806. MORRIS STRUMAN has moved to an address on Redondo Boulevard, Los Angeles, where a new telephone will be listed under the name of HEBBIE STRUMAN, Walnut 5275, according to information furnished telephonically by HEBBIE STRUMAN at the Schick Avenue address. ~~X U~~~~

75 R 519, registered to JACK A. SHEPHERD, 3285 Lynwood Road, Lynwood, California, on a 1940 Hudson sedan. ~~X U~~

91 S 354, registered to MINA BERGSTROM, 205 North Kenmore Avenue, Apartment 35, on a 1935 Ford sedan.

7 W 7322, registered to LOUIS CICCONE, 2505 Iowa Avenue, South Gate, on a 1941 Chevrolet sedan.

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8 W 3470, registered to L. U. KEPPINGER, 2467 Poplar Street, Walnut Park, on a 1940 Chevrolet coupe.

Records on other automobiles are being maintained in the file for possible further identification of members of the SWP.

Confidential Source A advised that MILTON ZASLOW, alias MIKE BARTEL, has been residing at 427 East 83d Street, Los Angeles, since June 17, 1944, until about November 1, when he went to New York to attend the National Convention of the Socialist Workers Party. Source A identified MILTON ZASLOW at the South Side Branch meetings of the SWP on the nights of June 28, August 2, 3, and 9, 1944. Q u

Source A advised that there was a meeting of the Steel Fraction at the home of MILTON ZASLOW, 427 East 83d Street, on the night of August 11, and that he (Source A) attended. The meeting was described by Source A as being of a social nature only, although there was some discussion about the formation of a Steel Fraction in the various plants. Source A advised that another meeting was held at the residence of MILTON ZASLOW in the nature of a social gathering on the night of August 12, at which time members belonging to the Auto Workers Fraction were invited. Q u

Source A advised that JACK SHEPHERD invited him to attend a dinner party at the residence of ZASLOW on the night of October 5, 1944. Source A advised that MURRAY WEISS was present at this dinner party and plans were discussed to secure members in the rubber workers' industry, particularly at the Firestone plant. Source A stated that the discussion at ZASLOW's home on the night of August 12 centered on such subjects as: "When the war is over, will America have to fight Russia?"; "Is most of the wealth of this country held by the Jews?"; "Would it not be better to have a more American name for the Party than Trotsky's?"; "If the Trotskyites were in control of the Government, would the right of free speech be given to the Fascists?" Q u

At the August 2 meeting, when it was decided that a Workers Defense Guard would be established, it was also decided that MIKE BARTEL would be the leader of this group, according to Confidential Source A. Q u

On October 26 an individual named JAMES BENNETT circulated among members of the SWP a four-page mimeographed letter attacking a recommendation and decision of the Section Executive Committee of the SWP with respect to the manner of nomination and election of delegates to the National Convention. Source A secured a copy of this particular letter, and the letter included an attack on MIKE BARTEL, who, according to JAMES BENNETT, had offered no reasons for nominating delegates on a sectional basis instead of on a branch basis.

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Confidential Source B identified MIKE BARTEL as the chairman of a meeting of the Central Branch of the SWP held on May 9, 1944, at the main headquarters of the SWP at Los Angeles. At this meeting, Source B stated, fifty-seven members were present, of whom thirty-four were men, and the speaker of the evening was GEORGE NOVACK.

Source B stated that MIKE BARTEL was elected chairman at the annual election meeting of the SWP held on the afternoon of April 23, 1944. Source B identified MYRA TANNER, alias JANET BOWERS, MYRA FARRELL, MYRA MARCEL TANNER, MYRA WEISS, as Secretary of this election meeting. Source B stated that MIKE BARTEL was elected as a member of the Section Executive Committee on April 23, 1944.

Another election was held on December 17, 1944, this being another election for members and alternates of the Section Executive Committee. MIKE BARTEL was not named among the new officers of the Section Executive Committee, of which there were nine members and two alternates.

Confidential Source B stated that on October 29 at a meeting of the Central Branch of the SWP, at which fifty-seven members were present, MIKE BARTEL was elected one of six delegates to be sent to the National Convention at New York City. He is known to Source B under both names of MIKE BARTEL and MILTON ZASLOW. MIKE BARTEL received forty-eight votes as a delegate to this convention. Other delegates elected to represent Los Angeles at the National Convention were DANIEL GITLOWSKI, alias DAN ROBERTS, LOUIS CICCONE, JANET BOWERS, with aliases; C. STEPHEN ROBERTS, alias STEVE ROBERTS; HOWARD HAROLD ROSEN, alias RAYMOND ZEL.

Reports of Special Agent [redacted] New York City, dated December 4 and 28, 1944, in the internal security investigation of the Socialist Workers Party, identify MILTON ZASLOW as being in attendance at the National Convention of the SWP held at the Capital Hotel, New York City, November 16-19, 1944, inclusive. The report of December 4 on page 11 reflects that MIKE BARTEL was an incoming alternate of the National Committee of the SWP. The report of December 28 reflected that the name of MIKE BARTEL had been submitted to the convention as a nominee for the National Committee.

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Confidential Sources A and B advised that neither MIKE BARTEL nor his wife, EDITH MANN, returned to Los Angeles, to their knowledge, after the New York convention of the SWP, and it was subsequently learned through Mr. PAUL THEODORE of the West Coast Shipyard and Dry Dock, San Pedro, that MILTON ZASLOW, according to his letter of December 29, was living at 1217 East 44th Place, Apartment 402, Chicago 15, Illinois. The number of the apartment is somewhat illegible and it might be Apartment 42. ~~u~~

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A request is being made of the Bureau to change the office of origin in this case inasmuch as subject is now in Chicago.

Source C advised that on January 6, 1945, subject MILTON ZASLOW was placed in class 1-A in the draft and that he was mailed a preinduction notice on January 6 to report to a draft board as of January 26, 1945. Source C advised that MILTON ZASLOW had informed the draft board that he was now residing at 1217 East 44th Place, Apartment 402, Chicago 15, Illinois. ZASLOW bears order number 2303 and his file at the draft board will not be transferred to Chicago unless he requests preinduction examination at that place.

ENCLOSURES TO CHICAGO: Two photographs of subject.

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UNDEVELOPED LEAD

CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS: Will institute an Internal Security investigation on MILTON ZASLOW, with aliases, as well as on his wife, EDITH MANN, with aliases, who are currently residing at 1217 East 44th Place, Apartment 402, Chicago 15, Illinois.

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The identities of these sources were designated as sources for office security reasons.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: February 9, 1945

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Chicago

SUBJECT: MILTON ZASLOW, with aliases:
Michael Bartell, Mike Bartell,
Mike Bartel, Solomon Newkirk
INTERNAL SECURITY - SWP
(Bureau file 100-313123)

The Bureau is advised that the name of the above captioned subject is being placed on the key figure list of the Chicago Field Division.

Subject, a native born citizen, resides at 1217 East 44th Place, Apartment 402, Chicago, Illinois. He is employed at the Headquarters of the Socialist Workers Party, 160 North Wells Street, Room 317, Chicago. He is registered with local Selective Service board No. 225, Los Angeles, California.

Subject is an alternate member of the National Committee, Socialist Workers Party, having been elected at the National Convention in November, 1944. He has been the organizer of the Chicago Branch, SWP, since November 28, 1944. Prior to coming to Chicago he was active in the SWP in Los Angeles, California as a member of the section Executive Committee and organizer of Workers Defense Guards.

A photograph of the subject is available. No handwriting specimens are available at this time.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
 Washington, 25, D. C.
 Los Angeles 13, California
 February 17, 1945



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
 FILE NO. 100-21704

Director, FBI

RE: MILTON ZASLOW, with aliases
 INTERNAL SECURITY - SWP
 Bureau file 100-313123

Dear Sir:

The captioned individual, the subject of a security index card heretofore maintained at this office, has moved to an address within another field division. Copies of all serials containing important information concerning the subject are being forwarded to the field division office covering subject's new address, together with its copies of this letter.

The Bureau is requested to correct the security index card maintained at the Seat of Government, and the field division office for which copies hereof are designated below is requested to prepare for inclusion in its security index card file a security index card captioned as follows and bearing the appropriate case file number:

ZASLOW, MILTON

NATIVE BORN

COMMUNIST

aliases:

Michael Bartell

Mike Bartel

Solomon Newkirk

1217 East 44th Place, Apt. 402. (Res.)
 Chicago, Illinois

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Very truly yours,

R. B. Hood

R. B. HOOD
 SAC

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cc: CHICAGO Field Division

FILE NO. 100-21704

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 2/24/45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/3, 14/45	REPORT MADE BY DAVID W. HAGEE	VGB
TITLE MILTON ZASLOW, with aliases: Michael Bartell, Mike Bartel, Solomon Newkirk			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - SWP	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: MILTON ZASLOW and his wife who is known in the SWP as EDITH MANN are now permanently residing in apartment 402 at 1217 East 14th Place, Chicago, Illinois. ZASLOW is organizer of the SWP at Chicago, Illinois.

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REFERENCE: Bureau file No. 100-313123.

Report of Special Agent DAVID W. MAGEE dated at Los Angeles
January 18, 1945.

Bureau letter dated February 3, 1945, to the Los Angeles office.

DETAILS:

Subject MILTON ZASLOW has been on the key figure list of the Los Angeles Division Office. He left the Los Angeles area about November 1, 1944 for New York City to attend the National Convention of the Socialist Workers Party which was held November 16, 1944. Neither MILTON ZASLOW nor his wife EDITH MANN, as she is known in the Socialist Workers Party, returned to the Los Angeles area.

Subsequent investigation by this and the Chicago Division office disclosed that MILTON ZASLOW, generally known as MIKE BARTEL, was presently organizer of the SWP at Chicago, Illinois, and that he is residing with his wife, EDITH MANN, in apartment 402 at 1217 East 44th Place, Chicago, Illinois. A photograph of MILTON ZASLOW has heretofore been transmitted to the Chicago Division Office and pertinent reports pertaining to him were transmitted to the Chicago Division Office by Los Angeles letter dated January 18, 1945.

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Referenced Bureau letter designated the Chicago Division Office as Office of Origin and that office may desire to continue to carry subject ZASLOW as a key figure.

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: February 24, 1945

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: MILTON ZASLOW, with aliases:
Michael Bartell, Mike Bartel,
Solomon Newkirk
INTERNAL SECURITY - SWP

The above-named subject has been on the key figure list of the Los Angeles Division Office and is now permanently residing in Chicago.

The Bureau, by letter dated February 3, 1945, Bureau file No. 100-313123, has designated the Chicago Division Office as origin. Kindly remove MILTON ZASLOW from the key figure list of the Los Angeles Division office.

cc-Chicago

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CHICAGO**

FILE NO. **100-21704**

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 8/12/45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/16, 17/45	REPORT MADE BY DAVID W. MAGER KH
TITLE MILTON ZASLOW, with aliases; Michael Bartell, Mike Bartel, Solomon Newkirk			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - SWP

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ZASLOW attempted to have his physical examination in New York but was instructed to have it in Chicago; was accepted for general military service 4/7/45 and was ordered to report to LDB #6, 1104 E. 47th Street, Chicago, for induction 5/7. He was considered a job jumper by LA Draft Board #225. Handwriting specimen furnished.

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REFERENCE: Bureau file No. 100-313123;
Chicago letter May 5, 1945.

DETAILS: AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

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The referenced letter advised that subject is the Organizer of the SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY at Chicago, Illinois, residing in Apartment 402 at 1217 East 44th Place, Chicago, and that he desired to extend his induction from May 7 so that he would be in a position to go to New York City on May 10 to attend SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY functions. Subject had also requested Los Angeles Draft Board #225 to extend the date of his induction and requested that he be permitted to be inducted in New York City.

The referenced letter further advised that subject had a part time job in a defense plant in Chicago, for about four hours in the morning, and was devoting afternoons and evenings to his duties as Organizer of the SWP.

Confidential Source A advised that MILTON ZASLOW was registered for the draft at Los Angeles County Draft Board #225 located at 3123 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles.

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Source A advised that the draft board had received a letter from MILTON ZASLOW stating that he wanted to go to Brooklyn, New York, where he would have the address of 1405 Prospect Place. Source A advised that ZASLOW was considered a job jumper by Board #225 and that he was placed in class I-A as of December 22, 1944. ZASLOW had been ordered to report for physical examination with Draft Board #6 at 1104 East 47th Street, Chicago 50, Illinois. The records of Draft Board #225, Los Angeles, reflect that when ZASLOW reported to the Chicago draft board for a physical examination he claimed to have had infantile paralysis when he was young, and Draft Board #6 wrote a letter to Board #225 requesting additional information on the physical condition of ZASLOW. The Los Angeles draft board then requested the Chicago draft board to complete the physical examination, and ZASLOW was found physically fit by the Chicago draft board in February 1945, and on April 7 was accepted for general military service. The request of ZASLOW to have his induction extended from May 7 was refused, and as far as is known to Draft Board #225 at Los Angeles, according to Source A, subject ZASLOW should have been inducted into the military service as of May 7, 1945.

EDITH ZASLOW, alias EDITH MANN, the wife of subject ZASLOW, with the Chicago address 1217 East 41th Place, on January 30, 1945, directed a letter to the Los Angeles draft board requesting that the induction of ZASLOW be stayed. She also claimed that they had a dependent child.

Source A states that as of January 22, 1945, Draft Board #225 received a 42-A form from the Industrial Pipe and Supply Company, 5100 West 16th Street, Cicero, Illinois, reflecting that subject ZASLOW was employed there as a drill press operator on a part time job. The above includes all the additional information on subject ZASLOW at Los Angeles Draft Board #225, and no additional information has been received concerning subject's SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY activities since his departure to Chicago.

Subject, when in the Los Angeles area, was last employed at the West Coast Shipyard Company, San Pedro, California, and a photographic sample of his handwriting while at this plant has been secured and is forwarded to the Chicago Office as an enclosure.

ENCLOSURE TO CHICAGO: Three photographic specimens of subject's handwriting, secured from West Coast Shipyard, San Pedro, California.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

AT CICERO, ILLINOIS:

At the Industrial Pipe and Supply Company, 5100 West 16th Street, will secure additional specimens of handwriting of subject ZASLOW.

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

At Draft Board #6, 1104 East 47th Street, will ascertain whether subject was inducted for military service as of May 7, 1945.

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

Copies of this report are being furnished to the New York Office inasmuch as subject ZASLOW has been organizer of the Chicago office of the SWP, the national headquarters being in New York. It is noted also that ZASLOW has attempted to answer the induction call at New York City.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO Director, FBI ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

DATE: June 12, 1945

FROM SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: MILTON ZASLOW, with aliases
 Michael Bartell, Mike Bartel, Solomon Newkirk
 INTERNAL SECURITY - SWP
 Bureau File #100-313123

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The above-named individual as of April, 1945, has been functioning as organizer of the Socialist Workers Party at Chicago, Illinois, the office of origin in the investigative case.

ZASLOW formerly resided in the Los Angeles area. ZASLOW bears FBI #1323229.

I am transmitting herewith three separate specimens of handwriting of this individual, one appearing on a photographic copy of a set of fingerprints taken in 1943 at the West Coast Shipyard Company, San Pedro, California, and other specimens taken from a Lockheed Aircraft Corporation application made on October 10, 1940. The other specimens of handwriting and signature appear on records of the West Coast Shipyard Company, San Pedro, California, as of 1944.

All these specimens are photographic copies and same are being furnished the Bureau for the handwriting file pertaining to this individual.

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EMPLOYEES WITHHOLDING EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE
(COLLECTION OF INCOME TAX AT SOURCE ON WAGES)

Name ZASLOW, MILTON.
(PRINT FULL NAME)

Address 1510 OSORNO ST. San Pedro
(PRINT HOME ADDRESS)

Social Security No. 056-14-3023

I. Check the box in the line below which applies to you on the date this form is filled in:

- ☐ Married person living with husband or wife but claiming none of the personal exemption
- ☐ Married person living with husband or wife but claiming half of the personal exemption
- ☐ Single person (not head of a family) or married person not living with husband or wife (not head of a family)
- ☒ Married person living with husband or wife and claiming all of the personal exemption (spouse claiming none of the exemption)
- ☐ Head of a family (a single person or married person not living with husband or wife who exercises family control and supports closely connected dependent relative(s) in one household)

II. Number of dependents receiving chief support from you who are either under 18 years of age or incapable of self-support because mentally or physically defective 1

I declare that the entries made herein are a true and complete statement as of the date indicated, pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code and Regulations issued under authority thereof.

Date 6/26/43 1943

(Signature) Milton Zaslow
(SEE OVER)

EARNED VACATION

WEST COAST SHIPBUILDING & DRYDOCK CO.
San Pedro, California

(MASTER AGREEMENT EMPLOYEES)

DATE OF REQUEST Sep. 22

EMPLOYEE Milton Zaslow EMP. NO. 501-16

DATE OF ELIGIBILITY _____ SHIFT Day

Having completed one year continuous service in the employ of the company you are entitled to one week vacation with full pay (40 hours).

Indicate below your choice by a check in the appropriate square.

☐ I wish to remain on the job for the vacation period and receive vacation check and regular pay check for hours worked.

Signed _____



I wish to take time off for vacation in the following period:

11/13 11/19 B2
FROM MONDAY November 20 TO SUNDAY Nov. 26

in advance

Signed

Milton Zaslow

Employee

APPROVED

J. Rowe
Cus

FOREMAN

TIMEKEEPING DEPT.

(OFFICE USE ONLY)

VACATION PERIOD FROM 11/13/44 TO 11/19/44

RATE 42 hrs. @ 1.20 AMT. 50.40

CHECK NO. 5984

WEST COAST SHIPBUILDING AND DRYDOCK COMPANY

EMPLOYEE TRANSPORTATION SURVEY

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS COMPLETELY.

(TO BE FILLED IN BY OFFICE)

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NAME ZASLOW, MILTON DEPT. 501-16
HOME ADDRESS 427 E. 83 ST. Los Angeles MAIL, ZONE NUMBER 3
BUILDING EMPLOYED IN Machinb Shop

IF YOU OPERATE A PRIVATE AUTOMOBILE, ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS:

YEAR 1936 BODY TYPE SEDAN MAKE PLY. STATE AND LICENSE NUMBER CAL: 67D724

IS CAR REGISTERED IN YOUR NAME? YES ☒ NO ☐

NAME OF REGISTERED OWNER MILTON ZASLOW
ADDRESS 427 E. 83 ST. L.A.
CITY

WHAT IS PASSENGER CAPACITY (INCL. DRIVER) 5
NUMBER

IF YOU DRIVE YOUR CAR TO WORK ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS:

WHAT IS THE DISTANCE DRIVEN FROM HOME TO PLANT
ROUND TRIP (INCLUDE MILEAGE TO PICKUP RIDERS) 40

HOW MANY ROUND TRIPS DO YOU DRIVE EACH MONTH? 30

TOTAL MONTHLY MILEAGE YOU DRIVE TO AND FROM WORK 1200

PRINCIPAL STREETS I TRAVEL GOING TO AND FROM WORK
AVALON BLVD.

FORM 30 500 6-44

WHAT IMPORTANT STREET INTERSECTION IS NEAREST YOUR HOME?

MANCHESTER & AVALONWAR PRICE AND RATIONING BOARD NO. 82.5.43HOW MANY PASSENGERS DO YOU CARRY? NONEWHAT ARE YOUR REGULAR WORKING HOURS? Irregular AM P.M.

IF YOU WORK IRREGULAR HOURS EXPLAIN, HAVE YOUR DEPARTMENT HEAD VERIFY.

Repair Work

SIGNATURE OF DEPARTMENT HEAD

Milton Zaslow
SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYEE

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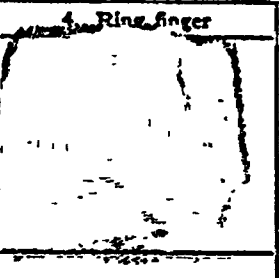
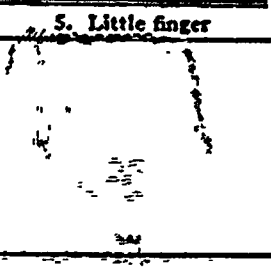
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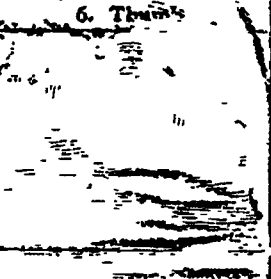
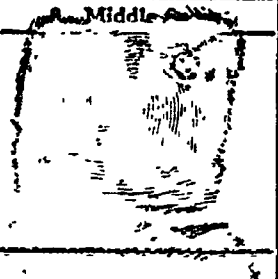
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(Surname) (First) (Middle)
(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT PLAINLY)

No. ED-63, II Color White Sex Male Reference

RIGHT HAND

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LEFT HAND

6. Thumb		7. Middle finger	8. Ring finger	9. Little finger
				

Impressions taken by:

Note amputations

(Signature of officer)

Date impressions taken 8-31-43

Wilton Seelow
(Applicant's signature)

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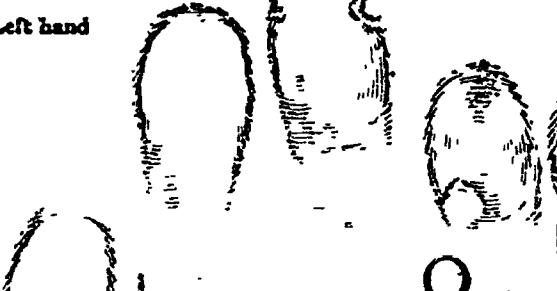
FOUR FINGERS TAKEN SIMULTANEOUSLY

Left hand

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Right thumb

Right hand

	
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NATIONAL DEFENSE PROGRAM

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

APPLICANT

APPLICANT AND
SAN PEDRO, CALIF.

Name of contributor _____ City _____ State _____
(State whether Police Department, Sheriff's Office, or other official designation)

Applicant for Marina Machinist
West Coast Air Building & Drydock Co.
North 25, San Pedro, California

NAVAL OPERATING BASE-SAN PEDRO,
Name of company _____

Date August 31, 1943
1510 Osorno Court, San Pedro, Calif.
Address 1000 W. 55th Street, Wilmington, Calif.

Birthplace New York Citizenship U.S.A.

Age 24 Date of birth June 22, 1918

Height 5'6" Weight 165

Hair Light Eyes Blue

Complexion Medium Build Medium

Scars and marks Scar on left thigh

(PLEASE PASTE PHOTO HERE)
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IMPORTANT—PLEASE INCLUDE ALL REQUESTED DATA

PRINT LAST NAME ZASLOW		PRINT FIRST NAME G. MILTON		PRINT MIDDLE NAME		WORK DESIRED IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE 1 RIVETING		CODE NO
ADDRESS 424 N. GARDNER (66 Borwick)		PHONE NO WE 6587		HOW LONG IN LOS ANGELES 1 1/2 yrs		2 DETAILED ASSEMBLY		
DATE 10/10/40		FEMALE ☐ MALE ☒		PRESENT AGE 22 YRS		SOCIAL SECURITY NO		
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MARRIED ☐ WIDOWER ☐ SEPARATED ☐		RENT HOME ☐ RENT ROOM AND BOARD ☐						10/10/40

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LAST EMPLOYER		POSITION AND DUTIES		PAY	REASON FOR LEAVING	DATE STARTING
Clock Hut Store - Fairbury		Clerk - selling, stock		\$20 wk.	inst. leave	July 1933
ADDRESS Fulton & Nevins St., Bklyn, N.Y.					to school	Sept 1933
PREVIOUS EMPLOYER		POSITION AND DUTIES		PAY	REASON FOR LEAVING	DATE STARTING
Stewart's Optics - chain		Bus Boy		\$12 + meals	inst. leave	July 1936
ADDRESS N.Y.C.					to school	Sept 1936
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ALL QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED BEFORE THIS APPLICATION IS ACCEPTABLE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ANSWERS GIVEN AND THE STATEMENTS MADE
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NOTE: THIS APPLICATION WILL BECOME INACTIVE UNLESS RENEWED
EVERY THREE MONTHS. RENEWAL MAY BE MADE BY POSTCARD.

ENCLOSURES FOR THE BUREAU: ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

Fingerprint specimens taken at West Coast Shipbuilding & Drydock Company, San Pedro, California, of MILTON ZASLOW. (photographic copy)

Photographic copy of handwriting of MILTON ZASLOW from Lockheed Aircraft Corporation application, Burbank, California

Photographic copy of handwriting of MILTON ZASLOW from records of Westcoast Shipyard Company.

RE: MILTON ZASLOW, with aliases
INTERNAL SECURITY - SWP

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ENCLOSURE

HR:WML

100-313123
SAC, Los Angeles

September 13, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

WILTON ZASLOW, was
INTERNAL SECURITY - S
Los Angeles File 100-21704

It does not appear that a report has been received from the Los Angeles Office since it was designated the Office of Origin. A report should be submitted at an early date.

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Form No. 1

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

FILE NO. 100-17635

REPORT MADE AT DATE MADE PERIOD 11/28/44; REPORT MADE BY

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 9/13/45 1/20, 25; 2/6, 4/7; 5/1, 3, 9, 14, 23; 7/21; 8/4, 10, 25, 31/45

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TITLE

CHANGED: MILTON ZASLOW, with aliases Michael Bartell, Mike Bartell, Mike Bartel, Solomon Newkirk

CHARACTER

INTERNAL SECURITY - SWP

SYNOPSIS:

Subject resides at 225 West 59th Street, Chicago. As MIKE BARTELL he became Organizer of Chicago Branch SWP 11/28/44; has expanded Branch into a three Branch Section and remains as enthusiastic and energetic organizer. Subject rejected for military service at Induction Station, Chicago on 6/1/45. Informant reports that subject said it wouldn't do any good to put him in the Army as he wouldn't shoot any foreign workers and would make sure that he aimed in another direction. Subject reportedly member of Nominations Commission at 11/44 National Convention where he was elected alternate member of National Committee. As such, reportedly attended Plenum of National Committee in New York City 5/12-14/45, returning to Chicago 5/29/45 expecting to be inducted 6/1/45. BARTELL member of majority faction in party following JAMES CANNON nationally. Has been concerned over lack of discipline in Chicago local. Subject attended CRDC meeting 1/25/45 where ALBERT GOLDMAN, national leader of minority faction was speaker. Subject, as instructor in "Militant Labor School" classes held at Party Headquarters in February and March, 1945, reportedly alleged that the "class struggle" is the only justifiable war, advocated revolt of armed forces on both sides in war, and advocated world wide revolution, and said that SWP is the only one which believes in fighting for its cause. Subject reportedly alleged that police, FBI, Army and Navy are tools of capitalism. Subject actively supports increased activity of

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Party among negroes. At public lecture on Crimean Conference subject reportedly charged that it was held to plan to suppress revolution sure to follow the war, and that terms of agreement reached will lead to another world war with Great Britain and United States against Soviet Union. Subject acted as Chairman at SWP May Day meeting at Buckingham Hall 5/3/45 where VINCENT RAYMOND DUNNE was speaker. Subject participated in chorus singing revolutionary songs and conducted campaign for funds. At city-wide meeting 6/5/45 subject reportedly debated with ALBERT GOLDMAN on question of fusion of SWP and WP which is favored by GOLDMAN. Subject reportedly instructor at Midwest Vacation School of SWP at Grass Lake, Mich. during first week of August, 1945. Invited to speak at TROTSKY Memorial Meeting in Minneapolis 8/21/45. Scheduled speaker at TROTSKY Memorial meeting in Milwaukee, Wis. 8/26/45. Organized participation of auto fraction in reconversion demonstration 8/20/45. Followed and organized support for Burnside Steel Strike in 8/45. Informant reports subject went daily to Indiana Harbor, Ind. during 5 day strike 8/11-15/45 involving 10,000 workers which closed Inland Steel Company, and claimed that the fraction there clicked every day and that Trotskyites were the unofficial leaders of the strike and planned the strategy, opening up enormous possibilities for SWP at that plant.

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REFERENCES:

Bureau File 100-313123.
Report of Special Agent DAVID W. MAGEE dated June 11, 1945, at Los Angeles, California.

DETAILS:

At Chicago, Illinois

The title of this case is being changed to add the alias MIKE BARTELL, this being the spelling of subject's Party name as used in his activities in Chicago.

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ADDRESS

The subject presently resides at 225 West 59th Street, Chicago, Illinois in a second floor apartment rented by BERTHA NEFF, reportedly an active Party worker in Chicago.

According to Confidential Informant T-1 MIKE BARTELL arrived in Chicago on November 28, 1944, to take over the duties of Organizer of the Chicago Branch of the Socialist Workers Party from KEN HAYES. He was joined by his wife EDITH ZASLOW, nee EDITH BERNSTEIN, with aliases EDITH BARTELL and EDITH BERN, who arrived from New York City on December 5, 1944.

BARTELL resided first with Comrades HILDEGARDE SMITH and MINNIE ROZMAN at 6203 South Seeley Avenue, Chicago; then with Comrades SIMON and BEATRICE BARACH at 4130 North Sheridan Road. On December 6, 1944, they rented Apartment 402 at 1207 East 44th Place. Their belongings were moved from the BARACH Apartment to their own apartment on the evening of December 15, 1944, by a relatively new Party member, believed to have been W. O. SKINNER, alias BUD HAYNES.

Mr. THOMAS REED of the Swan Lorish Real Estate Agency at 953 East 47th Street, made available the application of MILTON ZASLOW dated December 5, 1944, for the above apartment, which he leased to September 30, 1945, at \$36.50 per month. In the application subject represented that he was unemployed and stated that he had formerly resided in Los Angeles, and was then residing at 4130 North Sheridan Road, Chicago with SIMON BARACH. As business references he listed the following:

KENNETH ANGLEMIRE, 3021 Thorndale Avenue, telephone Ravenswood 8163
SAM LANGER, 1157 North Spaulding Avenue, telephone Spaulding 3417
WILLIAM CURRAN, 5128 South Kimbark; telephone Fairfax 7853
M. MYER, 77 West Washington Street, telephone Randolph 0132

With regard to the above references, KENNETH ANGLEMIRE is reported to be the true name of KEN HAYES, subject's predecessor as Party Organizer in Chicago who subsequently moved to San Francisco, California. The other three references are all reported by informants to be active in the leadership of the Socialist Workers Party in Chicago.

Subject vacated his apartment at 1207 East 44th Place on May 14, 1945, on which day, according to Confidential Informant T-2, his wife and son left for New York after selling what furniture they had. Confidential Informant T-2 advised that MILTON ZASLOW himself left on the evening of May 8th, leaving

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by the rear entrance and did not return that night.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that he was leaving on May 9, 1945, for New York City to attend the Plenum of the National Committee May 12 to 14, 1945. On May 9, 1945, the writer observed the subject board the "Pacemaker", New York Central train number two, occupying seat 16 of car 2. The train departed at 2 pm for New York.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that the subject returned to Chicago May 29, 1945, to attend a Socialist Workers Party social in his honor in anticipation of his induction into the armed services on June 1st. Subject was, however, rejected for military service at the Induction Station on June 1, 1945, and so continued as Organizer. T-1 advised that subject took up residence at the NEFF apartment upon his return to Chicago and continues to reside there.

A card in the NEFF mail box at 225 West 59th Street, observed on August 4, 1945, carried the names ADLER, BERTHA NEFF, CLARA KRASNOWSKI, and M. ZASLOW. According to Confidential Informant T-1 KRASNOWSKI is a member of the SWP and is the wife of a sailor whose first name is FRANK. ADLER may refer to HELEN ADLER, a WAC.

Confidential Informant T-2 advised that when leaving 1207 East 44th Place, EDITH ZASLOW sent three trunks and four crates by express to New York. She carried some traveling bags, including a white bag on which there was a tag with the name and address, "Pvt. HELEN ADLER, [redacted] WAC Recruiting Headquarters", and on the other side was printed "Denver, Colorado". T-2 advised that HELEN ADLER had been at the ZASLOW apartment from Saturday, May 12, to Monday morning, May 14, 1945, helping Mrs. ZASLOW pack, and that she had been there numerous times before for a day or two at a time.

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Confidential Informant T-2 advised that people in the building had complained of negroes visiting the ZASLOW apartment, and said that on Sunday, May 13, 1945, a short negro, driving a car with 1945 Michigan license number 522-811, accompanied by a tall negro, had been at the ZASLOW apartment.

OCCUPATION

According to Confidential Informant T-1 and other informants, subject, as MIKE BARTELL, is the Organizer of the Chicago Local of the Socialist Workers Party, a section composed of three branches, the Central and the South Side Branches located in Chicago, Illinois, and the third the East Chicago, Indiana Branch.

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Informants report that the subject energetically and enthusiastically devotes his full time to his duties as Organizer.

SELECTIVE SERVICE

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that HAROLD KELLOGG, reportedly long identified with the Socialist Workers Party in Chicago, left the Studebaker Corporation and went into partnership with another individual to operate a small defense plant. According to T-1, during December, 1944 MIKE BARTELL negotiated with KELLOGG for the purpose of being placed on the pay roll at KELLOGG's plant without actually working there in order to avoid being inducted into military service. The plan was for BARTELL to provide, through his organization, funds for reimbursement to HAROLD KELLOGG for any expense incident to this arrangement, particularly the withholding tax which would be paid to the Federal Government. The informant advised that KELLOGG agreed to the plan, but that subsequently the plan fell through because of opposition on the part of KELLOGG's partner.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that in the hopes of avoiding induction, ZASLOW actually took a part-time job in January at a plant where he had a friend in the management. This plant is reported to be the Industrial Pipe and Supply Company, 5100 West 16th Street, Cicero, Illinois. T-1 advised that for the few months subject held this job, he worked mornings at the plant and devoted afternoons and evenings to his duties as Organizer.

At Local Board 6, Chicago, Mrs. LOIS THOMPSON, clerical assistant, made available the following information concerning the examinations taken by MILTON ZASLOW in Chicago, the second of which resulted in his rejection for military service on June 1, 1945.

On January 25, 1945, MILTON ZASLOW was ordered to report at the Induction Station for a pre-induction examination February 1, 1945. The medical form gave his social security number as 056-14-3023. On January 30, 1945, subject filed with the board a letter signed MILTON ZASLOW, presenting information regarding his alleged medical history. He stated that at the age of 2 he broke his left thigh bone, with osteomyelitis resulting and causing four operations in three years at the Fall River City Hospital, Fall River, Massachusetts. He claimed that this shortened his left leg, resulting in a spinal curvature which, coupled with third degree flat feet, makes it impossible for him to walk any great distance without experiencing considerable pain. He said that he had had an Army physical examination in 1941, and was classified 4-F on these grounds. He asked that the local board forward to the Induction Center this letter with his file.

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The pre-induction examination form supplied the following description of the subject:

Name	MILTON ZASLOW
Date of birth	June 28, 1918
Place of birth	New York City, New York
Height	5' 8"
Weight	179 pounds
Eyes	Gray
Vision	20/20
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Ruddy
Scars	Firm 10" lateral scar on left thigh, open reduction; pes planus 2 degree bilateral; 1" shortening of left lower extremity

Due to the history of a possible fracture osteomyelitis, the examination was not completed and the local board was requested to supply further information concerning this medical history, the same to be in affidavit form. Accordingly, the papers were returned through Chicago Local Board 6 to subject's board in Los Angeles for this purpose.

On failure to produce the confirmation, the subject was ordered to report for induction at Los Angeles on May 7, 1945. He went to Local Board 6, Chicago, and said he wanted to go to New York City to visit his parents and return to Chicago for induction.

Chicago Local Board 6 mailed subject an order for induction in Chicago on June 1, 1945, and sent the same to 1405 Prospect Place, Brooklyn, New York, which subject had said was the address of DAVID ZASLOW, his father. Inasmuch as more than ninety days had expired since subject's earlier examination, a new examination was required and when this was had at the Induction Station in Chicago on June 1, 1945, subject was rejected.

Confidential Informant T-1 subsequently reported that subject received a classification card of 1-AL, which he hoped to appeal or have changed because he felt sure he had been rejected rather than found acceptable for limited service.

On May 16, 1945, Confidential Informant T-3 reported that at a meeting at Party Headquarters, 160 North Wells Street, Chicago, on May 1, 1945, where VINCENT RAYMOND DUNNE spoke to approximately 65 members on "Trade Union

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Perspectives", MILTON ZASLOW said it would not do any good to put him in the Army as he wouldn't shoot any foreign workers and would make sure that he aimed in another direction, and that his superiors wouldn't know any difference. T-3 advised that it was revealed at this meeting that ZASLOW had received his induction papers and that his wife EDITH was trying to figure out a way for him to "beat it"; and that she said they might go to New York and ask that he be inducted there, and then by the time the papers arrived there, would go to Los Angeles.

SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY ACTIVITIES

Confidential Informant [] advised Special Agent [] that MIKE BARTELL was a member of the Nominations Commission at the National Convention of the Socialist Workers Party held at the Capitol Hotel, 8th Avenue and 51st Street, New York City, from November 16 to 19, 1944, and that at this Convention he was elected as an alternate to the National Committee of the Party.

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Confidential Informant T-1 advised that the first delegates from Chicago returned from the Convention on November 20, 1944, and that on November 22, KEN HAYES advised the informant that MORRIS STEIN, Acting National Secretary, had suggested the name of MIKE BARTELL to replace HAYES as Organizer in Chicago to deal with the difficult situation in the Cgo. Branch arising from the factional fight therein. HAYES told the informant that he and BARTELL were of the same faction within the Party, i.e., the faction following JAMES CANNON and MORRIS STEIN, but that he, HAYES, was handicapped by his limited experience as an Organizer.

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T-1 advised that BARTELL was not entirely acceptable to the Chicago Branch because they wanted a political figure of national importance in the Party such as C. THOMAS, but since no such figure was available, BARTELL was accepted. BARTELL was credited with having done a good job in smashing the Shachtmanites (Workers Party) in his previous organizational work in Los Angeles, having previously been a member of the Workers Party.

Mike arrives in Chicago
T-1 advised that MIKE BARTELL and STEVE ROBERTS of Los Angeles arrived in Chicago from New York on November 28, 1944, at 1 pm, and proceeded to the Party Headquarters at 160 North Wells Street. The writer observed these individuals arrive at the Party Headquarters by taxi cab at approximately 1:30 pm and enter the building at 160 North Wells, each carrying two suitcases. They went to Room 317, the Party Headquarters. They were observed in the office with KEN HAYES and HELEN JUDD (now deceased). At 1:45 pm

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KEN HAYES, MIKE BARTELL and STEVE ROBERTS came out together and went to the Darby Cafe, 209 West Randolph Street, where they remained until 2:20 pm, when HAYES returned to the office and the other two went to different barber shops in the vicinity and returned to the office at 3:15 pm.

According to T-1, BARTELL and ROBERTS considered staying at the apartment of HILDEGARDE SMITH, alias HARRIET COLLINS, and MINNIE ROZMAN, 6203 South Seeley, but instead made a reservation at the YMCA Hotel. ROBERTS remained in Chicago until November 30, 1944, when he proceeded to Los Angeles.

According to T-1, BARTELL immediately upon his arrival took over the duties of Organizer of the Chicago Branch and has carried on all of the functions of that position expanding the Branch into a Section comprised of three Branches.

Confidential Informant [] made available to Special Agent JAMES T. O'BRIEN a typewritten letter dated December 20, 1944, addressed to ARTHUR BURCH, Detroit Organizer, from MIKE BARTELL. In the letter BARTELL reported on a recent meeting of the City-Wide Auto Group held to discuss the question of the campaign against the no-strike pledge, and went on to report on the situation in Chicago, with particular reference to plants organized by the UAW-CIO. BARTELL mentioned that the reason the report had been delayed was because the auto fraction had voted to elect a committee of three to draw it up, which he considered a ridiculous procedure, but against which he voiced no objection since he was still new in Chicago. The letter closed as follows:

"From now on I'll correspond with you on my own. The situation in the Branch here is pretty well in hand I think and constantly improving."

Confidential Informant [] also made available a letter dated February 7, 1945, from MIKE BARTELL to BURCH in which he enclosed a leaflet on the JACKSON Meeting to be held February 18, 1945, to be given to CHARLES JACKSON (negro). BARTELL requested that, if possible, to arrange, he would like to have JACKSON in addition to speaking at the mass meeting on Sunday evening stay over for a meeting with close negro contacts on Monday night, and also for the Branch meeting Tuesday night to talk to the comrades on negro contact work.

According to [] with a letter dated February 20, 1945, BARTELL forwarded to BURCH a money order for \$20.00 to be given to CHARLES JACKSON to reimburse him for expenses incurred on the trip to Chicago. The letter stated that

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his visit in Chicago was a huge success, there being 33 negroes present at the mass meeting, most of them excellent elements from the major auto plants. BARTELL wrote that the pay-off was Monday night at the Headquarters to which they had invited the best contacts for an informal discussion with JACKSON, who did a wonderful job in winning their confidence in the Party with the result that five applied for membership on the spot. The letter concluded with the statement that things were booming in all fields of work in Chicago and the level of enthusiasm and activity would improve the internal situation of the Branch.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that the SWP was invited to participate in a United Front meeting on January 7, 1945, with the Workers Party, Revolutionary Workers League, Socialist Party and Young People's Socialist League. The invitation was rejected by the SWP and MIKE BARTELL insisted that no members attend the meeting unless designated or specifically permitted by the Party to do so because of the fundamental position of the SWP to consider these other parties as enemies. According to the informant, he did not want to build up their meetings and cause a reflection upon the discipline within the SWP.

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On January 20, 1945, Special Agent ROBERT E. TAYLOR and the writer observed MIKE BARTELL and BELLE ROSEN together with a negro woman leave the SWP Headquarters at 2:50 pm and enter a Chevrolet car driven by MEYER J. MYER. BARTELL left the car at Pulaski and Cermak Road and the others drove to the Dodge Plant where the women distributed "The Militant" while MYER waited.

The writer observed MIKE BARTELL to be one of those present at a meeting sponsored by the Civil Rights Defense Committee, reported front organization of the Socialist Workers Party, at the Ashland Auditorium on January 25, 1945, welcoming ALBERT GOLDMAN on his release from prison. LYDIA BEIDEL, alias BENNETT, reported member of the National Executive Committee, introduced GOLDMAN as the National Chairman of the SWP and he made the principal address.

4. MILITANT LABOR SCHOOL

Late in January, 1945, MIKE BARTELL advised Confidential Informant T-1 that at his suggestion the Party was getting out a mimeographed prospectus on classes to be held at the Party Office as a "Militant Labor School" beginning February 2, 1945. BARTELL told the informant that he would be an instructor in the school which would continue for nine weeks.

A prospectus made available by Confidential Informant T-3 reflects that MIKE BARTELL is listed as instructor in fundamentals of socialism, for which

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required reading included the Communist Manifesto and the "Founding Conference of the Fourth International".

Reporting on the class of February 23, 1945, Confidential Informant T-3 advised that MIKE BARTELL dealt on the history of capitalism and its workings and economic results. He alleged that another world war is inevitable as long as the system of capitalism exists and that socialism is the solution to all the ills of capitalism.

T-3 reported that at the school of March 2, 1945, 31 persons were present including 3 negroes and a WAC corporal, HELEN ADLER, and that MIKE BARTELL acted as speaker and instructor. The highlights of his talk and the discussion, according to the informant, were that in any imperialistic war the Socialist Workers Party adopts a policy of revolutionary defeatism. The Party stands against all war as being bad except war such as the struggle of the workers against the capitalists as in the "class struggle" in Russia during the revolution. One of the methods urged by the Party to overcome these imperialistic wars is for the armed forces of both sides to revolt and fraternize since soldiers are workers in uniform. It was pointed out that LENIN and TROTSKY advocated no one state could foster socialism and therefore it is necessary to have world wide revolution and the seizing of power of all capitalistic governments. Wide spread strikes are advocated by the Party, even in war time, to help achieve the aim of the workers, even if it means losing battles at the front. In case of war between the United States and the Soviet Union or any workers state, Party workers would do everything to aid the enemy including sabotage.

T-3 also reported on the class of March 9, 1945, held at Party Headquarters with BARTELL instructing on the subject of fascism. The 12 persons present included 3 colored individuals and one member of the armed forces. BARTELL alleged that fascism is the result of the failure of the capitalist system. He referred to threatened violence by the Socialist Workers Party at a Bund Meeting in New York in 1939 as a way to defeat fascism, remarking that the Socialist Workers Party is the only one who believes in fighting for their cause.

T-3 reported that at the class of March 16, 1945, on the subject of "The State", BARTELL emphasized that enforcement agencies such as the police, FBI, Army and Navy are supposed to operate for the protection of the people as a whole, but are really tools of capitalism. He alleged that the officer class in the United States Army is the same as the Prussian military class in the German Army.

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T-3 advised that BARTELL's subject at the class of March 23, 1945, was "Marxist Philosophy - Dialectical Materialism".

B. RE-ORGANIZATION OF EAST CHICAGO, INDIANA BRANCH

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that under the direction of MIKE BARTELL, the dormant East Chicago, Indiana Branch of the Socialist Workers Party was re-organized on February 4, 1945, as part of the Chicago Section, with MANUEL TRBOVICH alias MANNY BELLIS, former member of the National Committee as Branch Organizer. T-1 advises that BARTELL has taken an active interest in the promotion of the activities of this Branch and makes frequent trips to the Calumet area to lecture and otherwise promote its activities.

C. ACTIVITY AMONG NEGROES

Confidential Informant T-1 reported that during February MIKE BARTELL and the Chicago Branch concentrated their efforts in promoting a meeting held Sunday, February 18, 1945, in the negro section of Chicago at 306 East 43rd Street, with CHARLES JACKSON, negro, as speaker. BARTELL endeavored to involve all the members of the Branch in the promotion of this meeting with particular emphasis being placed on securing the cooperation of negro sympathizers in promoting the sale of tickets.

T-3 reported that MIKE BARTELL attended this meeting as part of a mixed crowd of approximately 130. T-1 advised that CHARLES JACKSON (reported to be EDGAR B. KEEMER, JR. of Detroit) arrived in Chicago Sunday afternoon, February 18, 1945, by air from Detroit and met with MIKE BARTELL and the Executive Committee of the Chicago Branch in the afternoon where arrangements were made for JACKSON to hold an informal discussion at the Party Office Monday evening, February 19, with some fairly close negro sympathizer contacts in an effort to recruit those most interested. The informant reported that this session resulted in the recruitment of five individuals for induction into the Party late in February, 1945.

D. LECTURE ON THE "CRIMEAN CONFERENCE"

Confidential Informant T-3 reported that MIKE BARTELL was the speaker at a public lecture on the "Crimean Conference" held March 4, 1945, at 59 East Van Buren Street, Chicago, under the auspices of the Socialist Workers Party, where the attendance of 26 included 6 negroes and 3 members of the armed forces. According to the informant, BARTELL declared that the terms of the Yalta Agreement will lead to another world war in which Great Britain and the United States will fight the Soviet Union, and would also lead to

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the reduction of "our brothers, the German workers, to servitude and slavery". According to the informant, BARTELL declared that the Conference was held to suppress the will of the workers to unite and foster a revolution which would inevitably take place after this war is over.

E. DIVISION OF CHICAGO BRANCH

Confidential Informant T-1 reported that the East Chicago, Indiana Branch was scheduled to join the Chicago Branch in a meeting Sunday night, March 25, 1945, for the election of a Section Committee to function as a policy making group, and that the faction led by MIKE BARTELL elected 6 of the 11 members of this Committee.

The informant reported that pursuant to this plan, the Chicago Branch was divided into two branches with organizational meetings held April 3, 1945, with PAUL DOLLINGER, alias PAUL KUJAC, as Organizer of the South Side Branch and MEYER J. MYER, alias J. MICHAELS, as Organizer of the Central Branch, leaving MIKE BARTELL as Section Organizer of the Chicago Local comprised of 3 Branches including the East Chicago, Indiana Branch.

In a conversation with Confidential Informant T-1, MIKE BARTELL told the informant that soon after the division of the Chicago Branch into two branches, the factional fight within the Party in Chicago and nationally assumed such serious proportions that it was considered a mistake to make the division at that time. BARTELL told the informant that he anticipated that the factional fight would reach a climax in the summer of 1945 with the question of fusion with the Workers Party, which is favored by the Minority led by ALBERT GOLDMAN, as a principal issue.

On the afternoon of April 7, 1945, the writer observed MIKE BARTELL working in the office of the Socialist Workers Party, 160 North Wells Street, Chicago, and observed that at 4 pm he left with a woman, believed to be MINNIE ROZMAN, former wife of HAROLD KELLOGG, and reported active Party worker.

F. CHAIRMAN OF MAY DAY MEETING

On May 1, 1945, the writer observed that MIKE BARTELL met VINCENT RAYMOND DUNNE upon his arrival at the Chicago Union Station at 3 pm, and that he escorted him to the Headquarters of the SWP, arriving there at 3:45 pm.

Confidential Informant T-1 reported that DUNNE, National Labor Secretary of the Party, addressed a May Day Meeting of Party members on May 1st at Party Headquarters.

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Subsequently, on May 3, 1945, the Party held a May Day celebration for members and contacts at Buckingham Hall, 59 East Van Buren Street, Chicago. The writer attended this meeting and noted that MIKE BARTELL acted as Chairman with VINCENT RAYMOND DUNNE as the principal speaker. The attendance at this meeting was approximately 110, including about 15 negroes. MIKE BARTELL called the meeting to order at 8:20 pm by extending a welcome on behalf of the Chicago Local of the Socialist Workers Party. BARTELL said that he had been told that May Day was started in Chicago and said that if Chicago never produced anything else, it would have justified itself by producing this great holiday of the working class. He said it has been difficult to celebrate the last few May Days in the midst of an imperialist war, but that they gather in various places throughout the world and demonstrate their working class solidarity.

BARTELL then announced that a Socialist Workers Party chorus, led by Comrade LYDIA BENNETT, recognized as LYDIA BIDELE, would present some songs - "The Scarlet Banner" and "Hold the Fort" - and would later lead the audience in singing "The International". Among the five men who participated in the chorus was MIKE BARTELL.

BARTELL introduced "Comrade VINCENT DUNNE" as a member of the National Committee of the Socialist Workers Party and said that DUNNE was one of the founders of the Communist Party in America, and that he remained true to the teachings of LENIN and TROTSKY, so naturally became one of the founders of the Socialist Workers Party. BARTELL remarked that DUNNE had but recently completed serving 13 months in jail, having been sent there because of his opinions by what BARTELL sneeringly referred to as "our great democracy".

VINCENT RAYMOND DUNNE spoke from 8:30 to 9:30 pm, following which talk MIKE BARTELL conducted a campaign for funds, saying that it was a tradition that they do so and a tradition of which he was not ashamed. He said that they need money to feed organizers, publish their press and carry on their activities. BARTELL said that in the first two months of a three-month subscription drive for 10,000 new subscriptions to "The Militant", they had secured 14,000 subscriptions and expected to reach 20,000 during the drive. He pointed out that each copy of "The Militant" is put out at a loss in order to get their message to the workers. In the drive for funds he called first for \$10.00 bills and one of the girls secured one from an unidentified negro who was wearing an armed service discharge button.

LYDIA BIDELE and the chorus led the singing of "The International" and BARTELL invited those interested to stay and learn more about the Party,

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saying that there would be plenty of members to talk to them about the Party. He invited those present to read the Party's literature, pointing out that there was a well stocked table of Socialist Workers Party literature in the rear of the room.

G. 1ST PLENUM OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE

It has been reported that a Plenum of the National Committee of the Socialist Workers Party was held in New York City May 12-14, 1945. Subject, an alternate member of the National Committee, was observed by the writer to board the "Pacemaker", New York Central train, bound for New York, leaving from Chicago at 2 pm, May 9, 1945.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that MIKE BARTELL told him he had attended the Plenum in New York City and returned to Chicago on May 29, 1945, expecting to be inducted into the armed services on June 1, 1945. He told the informant that the National Secretariat had selected ~~GEORGE CLARKE~~, alias ~~GEORGE COLLINS~~, to succeed him in Chicago.

* Confidential Informant [] advised Special Agent [] that at a meeting of the St. Paul Branch of the Party held May 31st, OSCAR GOOVER made the organizational report on the Plenum of the National Committee and stated that among the transfers which were announced was BARTELL from Chicago to the United States Army and COLLINS to Chicago.

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H. DEBATE WITH GOLDMAN ON FUSION WITH WP

The situation was complicated by the appearance of ALBERT GOLDMAN, National leader of the Minority faction within the Party, in Chicago about May 31st, announcing his own candidacy for the position of Organizer for the Chicago Local. According to T-1, MIKE BARTELL, prior to June 1st, was very busy organizing support for GEORGE CLARKE against GOLDMAN in the election scheduled for June 5th. BARTELL anticipated a rather close election, but felt sure that the Majority faction, supporting CLARKE, would win.

At the induction station, MILTON ZASLOW (MIKE BARTELL) was rejected for military service and did not resign as Organizer, so no election was held, and BARTELL continues as Organizer. Following his rejection at the Induction Station, BARTELL attended a meeting sponsored by the Socialist Workers Party on the evening of June 1st at 59 East Van Buren Street, where ALBERT GOLDMAN was the speaker. BARTELL told the informant that the comrades looked at him as if he were a ghost because they had expected that he would be in the Army by that time.

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At a city-wide meeting at the Headquarters on June 5, 1945, MIKE BARTELL engaged in a debate with ALBERT GOLDMAN on the question of fusion with the Workers Party which is favored by GOLDMAN. BARTELL later told Confidential Informant T-1 that he thought he made a tactical blunder in allowing GOLDMAN to have the last word because GOLDMAN used his gray hair and 50 years in the movement against BARTELL's youth, and it had its effect on some of those present.

On June 9th, BARTELL told Confidential Informant T-1 that they were having a party that night at BERTHA NEFF's, where he resides, and that he had asked ELEANOR COOPER, wife of DAVID COOPER, to bring their radio.

BARTELL told T-1 that on Thursday, June 21, 1945, he and BERTHA NEFF tramped all over the south side looking for a south side headquarters, and located a prospect on 55th Street, east of Cottage Grove Avenue, a business neighborhood where there is a lot of intermingling between whites and negroes. This, they considered an advantage because in such a location they could hold their discussion group meetings right at the headquarters.

I. ATTENDED MIDWEST VACATION SCHOOL

Confidential Informant T-1 reported that in a conversation with BEATRICE BARACH he had learned that she had sent a telegram signed "B. BURTON" to MIKE BARTELL at the Midwest Vacation School, Grass Lake, Michigan on August 1, 1945, telling him to "Wire Minneapolis if available August 21st as a speaker". The informant advised that this probably referred to an invitation to speak at a TROTSKY Memorial Meeting in Minneapolis on that date. The informant advised that BARTELL was one of the instructors at the Midwest Vacation School during the first week of August and returned to Chicago on August 6th, the school being in session from July 1 to August 31, 1945.

"The Militant" of August 18, 1945, advertises a number of TROTSKY Memorial Meetings under the banner of "Nation-Wide Rally for Socialism". It does not name the speaker for the Minneapolis-St. Paul meeting of August 21st, but lists MIKE BARTELL, Chicago Organizer, Socialist Workers Party, as the speaker at the meeting at SWP Headquarters in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on Sunday, August 26, 1945, at 8 pm.

J. TRADE UNION CONFERENCE

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that in June, 1945 MIKE BARTELL was planning a Trade Union Conference of all three Branches of the Chicago Local, to be

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held about June 22, 1945, for the purpose of making plans to apply the turn in trade union policy which was developed and adopted at the Plenum held in New York City in May to the local situations..

K. RECONVERSION DEMONSTRATION

Confidential Informant T-1 reported that in a conversation with MIKE BARTELL the latter told him that on August 15, 1945, he had telegraphically advised the National Office of the Socialist Workers Party of a reconversion demonstration scheduled to take place in the Chicago Loop on Monday, August 20, 1945, and that he had ordered pamphlets on the "Labor Party" and on "Reconversion" for use in connection with the demonstration. BARTELL told the informant that the demonstration was related to the closing of the Dodge Chicago Plant and the Buick Motor Division with the ending of the war, and that he was calling a meeting of the auto fraction for Thursday noon, August 16, 1945, to make plans for participation in the demonstration.

L. BURNSIDE STEEL STRIKE

Confidential Informant T-1 reported that MIKE BARTELL told him that he and other Party workers closely followed a strike at the Burnside Steel Company, 1300 East 92nd Street, Chicago, by United Automobile Workers - CIO, Local 734, involving some 300 workers which, as of August 10, 1945, had been in progress for four weeks. BARTELL told the informant that he visited the picket lines and attended one or more meetings and sought to organize financial and picket support for the strike by other UAW locals, even though he felt that the leadership of the strike was in the hands of amateurs.

M. INLAND STEEL STRIKE

BARTELL told the informant that he took a greater interest in a five-day strike August 11-15, 1945, involving 10,000 workers, which closed the Inland Steel Company at Indiana Harbor, Indiana. According to the informant, BARTELL went to Indiana Harbor each day of the strike and was prepared to use a press card from "The Militant" as credentials to gain admittance to meetings from which he might otherwise have been excluded. BARTELL felt that the strike came at a good time because the war pressure was more or less off. He told the informant that he had reported to FARRELL DOBES, Managing Editor of "The Militant", that "we" were in the thick of the strike and that he asked the advice of the National Office on how far they might go without running the risk of having the Local suspended by PHILLIP MURRAY, President of the United Steel Workers, and also avoid military seizure which would render the situation difficult for an indefinite period.

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BARTELL, in conversation with the informant, claimed that the Trotskyites were the unofficial leaders of the strike and that they determined the whole strategy and that the fraction there clicked every day during the strike. He said that he felt the possibilities for the Socialist Workers Party at Inland are now enormous. BARTELL told the informant that he submitted the material for the article concerning the strike which appeared in "The Militant" of August 18, 1945.

N. MISCELLANEOUS

Confidential Informant T-1 reports that most of the meetings which are held by the Chicago Local of the Socialist Workers Party away from its headquarters are held at Buckingham Hall, 59 East Van Buren Street, Chicago. Confidential Informant T-4 advised that the contracts for meetings held February 24, 1945, and May 3, 1945, were signed for the Socialist Workers Party with the name M. BARTELL, and the contract for June 1, 1945, with the name M. BARTELL (by BEA). According to T-4 the contract for the GRACE CARLSON Meeting of July 15, 1945, was signed with the name MIKE BARTELL, and a letter dated July 9, 1945, to the management of Buckingham Hall with which was enclosed a money order for \$25 for rental for July 15th bore the typed signature M. BARTELL, Organizer, Socialist Workers Party, and bore a signature "M. BARTELL (by B.)". The Post Office money order dated July 9, 1945, serial number 741383 was purchased at Chicago Station E, office 10141, and was made out to Buckingham Hall, with the remitter indicated as M. BARTELL.

It is desired to note that subject is not identical with one MICHAEL BARTEL, who resides at 1908 West Nelson Street, Chicago, and who in March, 1940, was reported to have been a member of the German American National Alliance.

Confidential Informant T-1 reported that in a conversation with MIKE BARTELL in February, 1945, BARTELL advised him that his wife, EDITH ZASLOW, as EDITH MANN was endeavoring to get a job in the dress making industry and to this end had contacted the IIGWU, of which she is a member. BARTELL told the informant that his wife assists in the distribution of "The Militant" and in other Party activities.

O. DESCRIPTION

The following is a description of the subject:

Name
Aliases

MILTON ZASLOW
MICHAEL BARTELL, MIKE BARTELL,
MIKE BARTEL, SOLOMON NEWKIRK

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Address	225 West 59th Street Chicago, Illinois
Occupation	Chicago City Organizer, SWP (Alternate member, National Executive Committee, SWP)
Business address	Room 317, 160 North Wells Street. Chicago, Illinois
Citizenship	Native born citizen of U. S.
Descent	Russian-Hebrew
<u>Father</u>	DAVID ZASLOW, born in Russia; naturalized 1910
<u>Mother</u>	ETTA SELIGMAN ZASLOW, born in Russia
Brothers	SAUL ZASLOW HAROLD ZASLOW
Marital status	Married October 4, 1941, at Los Angeles, California
Wife	EDITH ZASLOW, nee EDITH BERNSTEIN, alias EDITH MANN
Son	
Education	College of City of New York, February 1934 - February, 1938 - Social Science
Selective Service	Board 225, Los Angeles, California; order number 2303; rejected at Induction Station, Chicago, June 1, 1945
Date of birth	June 28, 1918
Place of birth	New York City
Height	5' 8"
Weight	179 pounds
Eyes	Brown or gray (vision 20/20)
Hair	Brown, slightly curly
Complexion	Ruddy
Posture	Good
Peculiarities	Left leg 1" shorter than right; full lips; broad nose; seldom, if ever, wears a hat.
Scars	Firm scar 10" lateral left thigh
FBI Number	1323229

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A photograph of the subject is available in the files of the Chicago Field Division.

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Copies of this report are being sent to the Indianapolis, Detroit, New York, Milwaukee, and St. Paul offices for information for the reason that subject is reported herein to have travelled to those field divisions on Party business... A copy is sent to the Los Angeles Field Division for the reason that subject's selective service board is located within that field division and subject is reported herein to have arrived in Chicago in company of STEVE ROBERTS of Los Angeles.

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At Chicago, Illinois

Will continue to follow and report subject's activities in the Socialist Workers Party.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

Temporary confidential informants as used in this report are identified as follows:

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~~Confidential Informant T-1~~

Confidential Informant T-2

~~Confidential Informant T-3~~

Confidential Informant T-4

Each of the above is so designated to conceal his identity at his own request or for office security reasons.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: September 27, 1945

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: MILTON ZASLOW, was
INTERNAL SECURITY - SWP
Bureau file 100-313123

Reference is made to Bureau memorandum to this office dated September 13th last pointing out that no report has been received from this office since it was designated office of origin.

A review of this file reveals that Los Angeles originated the investigation in this case and was the office of origin until the subject moved to Chicago and the Bureau designated Chicago as origin by memorandum dated February 3, 1945. The case was last referred upon completion to the Chicago office with the report of Special Agent DAVID W. MAGEE, Los Angeles, dated June 11, 1945.

Subject ZASLOW still resides in Chicago where he is organizer of the Chicago Branch of the Socialist Workers Party, and this case is in RUC status at Los Angeles pending request for any additional investigation in this field division.

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cc - Chicago (100-17635)

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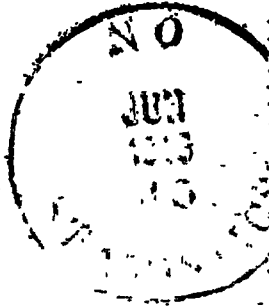
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REPORT MADE AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	DATE WHEN MADE 4/5/46	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/18/45; 2/15, 26, 27, 3/1, 13, 14, 15/46	REPORT MADE BY WHS:VLS
TITLE MILTON ZASLOW, was.			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - SWP

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject resides 4107 North Sheridan Road, Chicago, and continues activity as organizer of Chicago Section, SWP. Made trips to Detroit in September, 1945 and January, 1946 relative to SWP activity in strikes. Debated with ALBERT GOLDMAN in Indianapolis and St. Paul taking sides with the majority on national issues. He preferred charges against LYDIA BEIDELL for disloyalty to Party in her cooperation with Workers Party. Introduced JAMES CANNON, speaker, at celebration of anniversary of Russian revolution 11/11/45. Was speaker at meeting 12/16/45 with CHARLES JACKSON. Took active part in picketing roller rink barring Negroes and in demonstration at G. L. K. SMITH meetings. Is currently instructor in militant labor school at Chicago SWP headquarters.



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REFERENCE:

Bureau File #100-313123.
Report of Special Agent dated 9/13/45
at Chicago, Illinois.

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DETAILS:

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

RESIDENCE:

Subject presently resides at 4107 North Sheridan Road in the Sterling Apartments.

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OCCUPATION:

Subject continues to be employed full time as organizer in the Chicago Section of the SWP.

BACKGROUND OF ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATIONS:

Confidential Informant [] advised that subject left Chicago about September 29, 1945 with a number of other members of the SWP in Chicago going to Detroit to take part in a conference pertaining to the United Automobile Workers of America - CIO in the pending strike.

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Confidential Informant [] advised that the SWP held a trade union conference in Detroit on September 30, 1945. Subject was one of the group named in attendance and stated the conference outlined the SWP's system of infiltration into the trade unions.

[] advised that subject had made statements concerning SWP's importance in connection with the UAW strike; that the Party is the only political force connected with the strike and that in the Fleetwood Local (Fisher Body, Fleetwood Unit, Detroit) the SWP has one of its members on the strike committee. This was said to enable the Party to present its views and to exert pressure on the committee.

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[] advised that subject went to Detroit about January 26, 1946 for a conference of mid-west organizers of the SWP concerning the strike situation.

[] advised that this conference was held February 4, 1946 and a review was made of Party politics and activity in connection with current industry-wide strikes.

[] has frequently advised that the subject was out with various members of the SWP who are associated with labor organizations at Electro-Motive Division of General Motors in LaGrange; Inland Steel Company in Gary, Indiana; and the Union Stockyards, Chicago. He has encouraged various members of the Party to join unions which have been expected to involve in strikes.

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[] advised that subject engaged in a debate with ALBERT GOLDMAN on September 7, 1945 at Indiana Harbor regarding the split within the SWP. BARTELL, Party name of the subject, took sides with the majority faction of the Party against ALBERT GOLDMAN, the majority being against the merger of the SWP with the Workers Party. This Informant also advised that BARTELL went to St. Paul for a debate with GOLDMAN on October 24, 1945. It was reported that subject was well received by the SWP members in the St. Paul, Minnesota, area.

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It is also reported that BARTELL went to New York during the first week of October, 1945 for a conference with National SWP officials regarding the minority group opposing merger with the Workers Party.

[] advised on December 14, 1945 that subject preferred charges against LYDIA BEIDELL, with the national office of the SWP because of her disloyalty to the Party in her dealing with the Schactmanites (Workers Party).

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On January 10, 1946 it was reported by [] that BARTELL made the statement that the minority just want to express themselves and are not seriously aiming at power.

It was reported that the subject had organized an SWP school to run from the first part of October, 1945 to the middle of December, 1945 and had been instructing a class during that time.

[] advised that BARTELL is currently teaching a class every Wednesday night from 9 to 10:15 P.M. in "The First Five Years Of The Communist International", by LEON TROTSKY. This class is reported to run from February 20 to April 10, 1946.

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On November 11, 1945 the SWP in Chicago held a meeting at Buckingham Hall, 59 West Van Buren Street, celebrating the anniversary of the Russian Revolution. It was noted by the writer, who attended the meeting, that the subject introduced the speaker, JAMES CANNON, National Secretary of the SWP and after the speech the subject directed a collection for funds for the Party.

[] advised that BARTELL was a speaker along with CHARLES JACKSON, a writer for the "Militant", official organ of the SWP, at a mass meeting on December 16, 1945 held at Buckingham Hall on "Protest of Massacre of Colonial Peoples".

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[] advised that on October 30, 1945 the subject had tried to inject SWP influence into the school strike based on racial issues in Lake County, Indiana. This Informant also reported that subject is active in cooperation with Negro organizations in Chicago, the Committee on Racial Equality and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Their most recent activity has been the picketing of the White City Roller Rink, 63rd and South Parkway Avenue. This rink has been barring Negroes from attending and almost every Sunday night during the latter part of January and February these organizations have been picketing the rink.

On January 20, 1946 BARTELL was reported to have been actively participating in this picketing and in the "Militant" dated February 9, 1946 there is an article reflecting Chicago unions backed the picket lines protesting Jim Crow Skating Rinks. This article reflects that BARTELL took an active part in the demonstration on January 27.

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In the "Crusader", a Negro publication in Chicago dated February 16, 1946, there is an article reflecting that the management of this roller rink had made an attempt to stop picketing through an injunction naming the SWP in Chicago and a number of individuals including MICHAEL BARTELL.

Captain A. P. BARRY of the 7th District, Chicago Police Department, advised that when this came up for hearing before Judge MC KINLAY, the Judge refused to grant the injunction which had been filed by the owner of the rink, a Mr. HOWARD FOX. [] advised BARTELL had made the statement that he would like to make a major issue out of the affair at White City in order to get the Negroes behind the action.

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GERALD L. K. SMITH, national leader of the America First Committee, was making a series of speeches during February. [] advised that the subject was collaborating with other labor organizers in picketing at these meetings.

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At Chicago, Illinois, will through Confidential Informants
[redacted] and [redacted] continue to follow and report activities of the subject
in the SWP in Chicago.

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Copies of this report are being sent to the Detroit, Indianapolis, and St. Paul
Field Divisions inasmuch as this report contains information believed to be of
interest to these offices.

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FILE NO. **100-21704**

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 7/10/46	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/22/46	REPORT MADE BY DAVID W. MAGEE HY
TITLE MILTON ZASLOW, with aliases, Michael Bartell, Mike Bartell, Mike Bartel, Solomon Newkirk			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - SWP

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject was born New York City 6-28-18. Subject's father, DAVID ZASLOW, was born in Russia but naturalized in 1910. Subject's mother, nee ETTA L. SELIGMAN, born Russia.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau File No. **100-313123**.

DETAILS:

At Los Angeles, California:

Public School Records, Number 40, Bronx, New York, reflect that subject **MILTON ZASLOW** was born in New York City June 28, 1918 and that his father, **DAVID ZASLOW**, was born in Russia but naturalized as an American citizen in 1910. The records reflect that subject's mother, nee **ETTA SELIGMAN**, was born in Russia. The place of birth of subject's wife, one **EDITH MANN**, who also uses the names of **EDITH BARNSTEIN** and **EDITH LIGHTSTONE**, has not been ascertained.

Subject generally functions in the **SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY** under the alias of **MIKE BARTELL** and was last known to be organizer of the Chicago Branch of the **SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY** as early as November 28, 1944 and as late as September 13, 1945.

Confidential Source A advises that subject, under the name of **MIKE BARTELL**, was one of the May Day speakers at the St. Louis, Missouri Branch of the **SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY**.

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ST. LOUIS FIELD DIVISION

A copy of this report is being furnished the St. Louis Field Division inasmuch as subject appeared as a speaker there on the May Day Program of the SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY.

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REPORT MADE AT CHICAGO, ILL.	DATE WHEN MADE 6/18/47	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/15/46-6/12/47	REPORT MADE BY WESLEY A. ANDERSON	WAA:FO
TITLE MILTON ZASLOW, was.			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - SWP	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject as MILTON ZASLOW resides 4101 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago, and as MIKE BARTELL , continues as full-time organizer of Chicago Branch SWP. Attended Twelfth National Convention of SWP held November 15 through 18th, 1946 as delegate from Chicago Branch, elected as alternate National Committee member. Attended Plenum of National Committee at New York February 15 and 16, 1947, at which time fusion with Workers Party approved. Was SWP right-hand candidate for Mayor of Chicago in recent City election. Election campaign and other SWP activities set out. Classified by SP5M/208 Declassify on: OADR 6/29/84				
REFERENCE: Bureau File 100-313123 Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 5, 1946 at Chicago, Illinois				
DETAILS: <u>AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</u> <u>RESIDENCE</u> ~~CONF. INFT.~~ According to [redacted] Subject as MARTIN ZASLOW resides at 4101 N. Sheridan Road. His name appears on the mail box at this address. <u>OCCUPATION</u> [redacted] has advised that Subject as MIKE BARTELL continues as full time organizer for the Chicago Branch of the SWP.				
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: R. M. [redacted] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE			DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 100-313123-20	
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ACTIVITIES IN SWP FROM NATIONAL STANDPOINT

[redacted] in November, 1946, advised Subject had been elected as a delegate to the National Convention to be held November 15 through 18, 1946, at the Midland Hotel at Chicago.

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~~CONF. INFO~~ [redacted] on November 18, 1946, advised that Subject had been elected at the National Convention as a member of the alternate committee, receiving 112 votes. He was also a member of the outgoing alternate National Committee. According to the Informant, HOWARD MEYHEW, Chicago SWP member, in commenting on BARTELL at the convention, stated that the latter has done excellent work for the Party, particularly in Los Angeles and is an outstanding political leader.

[redacted] advised that Subject attended a National Committee Plenum held February 15 and 16, 1947 in New York City. According to information received from the New York Office and from [redacted] fusion with the Workers Party was approved at this Plenum.

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OTHER ACTIVITIES IN SWP

[redacted] advised that on November 6, 1946, M. BARTELL told him that the Party openly advocates revolution and he predicts there will be violence in that he did not feel that Socialism would come through the ballot.

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~~CONF. INFO~~
On February 3, 1947, [redacted] furnished a copy of a mimeographed letter sent out from SWP Headquarters by HAYDEN PERRY, Campaign Director, announcing that the Party had entered MIKE BARTELL as a candidate for Mayor and HOMER LEWIS as a candidate for Alderman of the Third Ward in the City elections.

According to the "Militant," on February 8, 1947, a campaign was opened with a meeting of 150 workers on February 2, 1947, at SWP Headquarters. [redacted] and [redacted] later reported that BARTELL and LEWIS both were scheduled to deliver election speeches on Station WJJD in Chicago and a report of the first of these speeches was published in the "Militant" for February 15, 1947. In his speech, BARTELL advocated the formation of a National Congress of Labor in Washington, D. C., with delegates from every Trade Union local in the country and urged that an independent Labor Party be formed. As part of its program, the SWP advocated institution of a Workers and Farmers Government for a Socialist society of peace and plenty and the candidates were described as Trotskyists.

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In the election, according to [redacted] BARTELL, who was a right-hand candidate, received an insignificant number of votes which caused him to consider a protest to the Board of Elections.

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On September 30, 1946, [redacted] furnished a mimeographed announcement of the first session of the Militant Labor School, announcing that a six-weeks course in Marxian Economics led by MIKE BARTELL, to be conducted, classes to be held each Monday evening at 7:30 P.M., starting September 23, 1946. In addition to the above [redacted] furnished copies of mimeographed announcements relative to the following meetings sponsored by the SWP, Chicago: C

1. September 21, 1946, a speech by MIKE BARTELL on "The Solution to the Palestine Crises"
2. On November 10, 1946, announcements of a meeting at SWP Headquarters, 777 W. Adams, to celebrate the twenty-ninth anniversary of the great Russian Revolution and M. BARTELL, Chicago Organizer, SWP, listed as Chairman
3. On March 29, 1947, meeting on Greece - "Base for Wall Street's War on the Soviet Union," and M. BARTELL listed as principal speaker

With respect to the election campaign meeting on February 2, 1947, referred to above, Confidential Informant T-1 advised that VINCENT DUNNE, National Labor Secretary of the SWP, was one of the principal speakers and, among other things, stated that a revolutionary party is needed to sweep Capitalism off the face of the world. Subject also appeared as a speaker and stated, "When we take over, that is, I mean, the workers take over, they can force the police to keep out of their way and we will drive Captain BARNES and his Labor Detail out into the street and out of town." BARTELL stated that the issue is who will rule, the bureaucrats or the workers, and he urged a vote for Socialism and equality.

T-1 also furnished information relative to the SWP May Day celebration meeting on May 2, 1947, at SWP Headquarters, 777 W. Adams Street, at which Subject explained the purpose of the Socialist Workers Party in the United States. He also stated that the Police of today are under the thumb of the Capitalists who use this force against labor. He stated that the forces behind the last war are plotting a third war but this time workers all over the world will not back them.

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[redacted] on May 17, 1947, furnished a mimeographed SWP leaflet announcing a series of six lectures on America's Socialist vote. MIKE BARTELL was listed as the lecturer on June 15, 1947, on the topic, "The Revolutionary Part in the United States and The Roll of the Socialist Workers Party." C

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In addition to the activities reported upon, it should be noted that according to [redacted] Subject is regularly in contact with SWP members who are members of Trade Unions in the Chicago Area and advises them on tactics to be used. He takes active part in activities of the NAACP and the Committee on Racial Equality.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Will, through Confidential Informant [redacted] and other sources, continue to report Subject's activities as Chicago organizer of the SWP.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 12, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: MILTON ZASLOW, was.
SECURITY MATTER-SWP
(Bufile 100-313123)

ReNYlet to Chicago dated November 24, 1948 in which Chicago was requested to forward all pertinent serials to New York and to make arrangements to transfer the office of origin from Chicago to New York.

It is desired that the Chicago Office comply promptly with this request inasmuch as this individual is of paramount importance in SWP activities in the New York area.

cc: Chicago(100-71653)

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PD, New York, NY	Solomon Newkirk #B-158094	7-6-37	mal. misch. (fel.) poss. of stink bomb	5-31-38, NYC Ref. execution of sent. stayed, Judge, Kir Co. Court
Prob. Dept. Kings Co. Court. Brooklyn, NY	Solomon Newkirk #---	convicted 3-17-38	mal. misch. -- misd.	5-31-38, New York City Ref., Exec. of Judg., susp. of prob.
PD, Hawthorne, Calif.	^① Milton Zaslow #N06334	applicant 8-9-40	ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 6/29/91 BY SP6/ML G.I.P. 7	
PD, Burbank, Calif.	Milton Zaslow #L-20207-V	Lockheed Aircraft 10-11-40		
ONI and MID Wash., D. C.	Milton Zaslow #CA-1306	sheet metal dept. 10-16-41		
USCG, San Pedro, Calif.	Milton Zaslow #--	permanent ident #11128809 11-12-42		
SOS, Army	Milton Zaslow #109-LAS	marine machinist 3-23-43		
Commandant, 11th Naval Dist.	Milton Zaslow #MB66/QM(49)	ex-warehouseman 3-26-43	File in 100-313123 CC-Chicago 1-14-49 J. E.M.	
Commandant, 11th Naval Dist.	Milton Zaslow #NB66/QM	marine machinist 8-31-43	NOT RECORDED 6 JAN 14 1949	

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The following is the record of FBI number 1 323 259

J. E. Hoover
 Director.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	The following is the description of this individual appearing on print #NB66/QM, Commandant, 11th Naval Dist: Color, white; sex, male; name of company, West Coast Shipbuilding and Drydock Co., Berth 55, San Pedro, Calif; residence, 1510 Osorno Court, San Pedro, Calif; birthplace, New York; citizenship, USA; date of birth, 6-28-18; height, 5 feet 8 1/2 inches; weight, 185 pounds; hair, brown; eyes, hazel; complexion, medium; build, medium; scars and marks, scar on left thigh. The following is the additional description of this individual appearing in the files of the Bureau: Scars and marks, 5" scar on right leg. Additional aliases: <u>Michael Bartell</u>, <u>Mike Bartell</u>. The following is the fingerprint classification of the above subject: 6 0 15 U IOI I 24 W III 19 A photograph of the above subject is available in the files of the Bureau. This individual may be identical with Bureau file #100-313123.			

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October 4, 1948

100-313123

SAC, Chicago

RE: INTERNAL SECURITY - SLP
Your file 100-17635

Dear Sir:

A review of the files at the Bureau in connection with this subject has revealed that a report has not been received from your office concerning the subject since the report of Special Agent Lesley A. Anderson dated 6-18-47 at Chicago.

While it is realized that existing instructions do not require that a report be submitted periodically on Security Index card subjects unless the subject is also a top functionary, it is felt that in view of the tense international situation at the present time, a new report should be submitted setting forth the extent of the subject's present activities in connection with the Communist Party and related groups in order that the Bureau will be in possession of current information concerning each one of those subjects who are considered a threat to the internal security.

In submitting the report, the Bureau desires that you incorporate in summary form the information contained in your files not previously reported. Information of substantive nature only should be set forth and repetitious material should be avoided. Where a description of the subject has not been reported, that, too, should be included in the report and also placed on the reverse side of the Security Index card in accordance with the instructions outlined in SAC Letter No. 57, Series 1948, dated April 10, 1948.

In the event the subject's current address is not the same as that which appears on the Security Index card, you should correct the Security Index card and forward Form FD-119 to the Bureau in order that the Security Index card at the Bureau can be corrected.

In order that the Security Index will contain only the names of those individuals who can be considered to be a threat to the internal security of this country, the Bureau desires that you carefully appraise this case and if it appears that the subject, based on his present position and activities or past position and activities, cannot be considered such a threat, then in addition to submitting the report, you should recommend that the Security Index card be canceled.

This matter should receive your immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

E. J. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO
 SUBJECT: MILTON ZASLOW, was
 INTERNAL SECURITY - SWP
 (Bufile 100-313123)

DATE: August 18, 1949

The above individual is being deleted from the key figure list in the Chicago office in view of the fact that he is now residing in New York City and is employed in that city as an organizer of the SWP.

There is being sent as an enclosure, to the Bureau and New York Office, with this letter, the report of Special Agent JOHN G. GROVES dated August 18, 1949, at Chicago, Illinois.

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cc - New York City (100-61928) (Enc. 3)
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FILE NO. 100-17635

REPORT MADE AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	DATE WHEN MADE 8/18/49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/15; 7/12, 14, 15; 8/3/49	REPORT MADE BY JOHN G. GROVES JGG:CR
TITLE MILTON ZASLOW, was Michael Bartell, Mike Bartell, Mike Bartel, Solomon Newkirk			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - SWP

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject resides at 128 West 111th Street, New York City, and is employed as organizer for the New York Local Socialist Worker's Party at 116 University Place, New York. Informants advised subject was local chairman of the SWP, Chicago, Illinois, in 1947 and served as instructor at the SWP school in Chicago 11-23-47, teaching classes dealing with early trade unions, organization forms methods and activities. BARTELL attended the thirteenth SWP Convention held in New York City July 1948 as a member of the National Committee of the SWP and as a delegate from Chicago, Illinois. No credit or criminal records, Chicago, Illinois. Subject has FBI number 1323259.

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REFERENCE:

Bufile 100-313123.
Report of SA W. A. ANDERSON dated 6-18-47 at Chicago, Illinois.
Letter from Director dated 10-4-48.

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DETAILS:

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

I. BACKGROUND

Residence

According to a letter from New York City dated

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November 24, 1948 JACK MANTEE, superintendent at 128 West 111th Street, New York City, advised that MILTON ZASLOW is residing in an apartment at that address.

Employment and Business Addresses

T-1, a confidential informant of known reliability, advised the subject is employed as an organizer for the New York Local of the Socialist Worker's Party at 116 University Place, New York City.

Identification Record

On January 17, 1949 the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation furnished the following record concerning MILTON ZASLOW, with alias Solomon Newkirk, FBI Number 1323259:

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD, New York, NY	Solomon Newkirk	6-18-37	viol. 726 P.L. (stench bomb) viol. 1433 P.L. mal. mis. (fel.)	7-6-37, dism.
PD, New York, NY	Solomon Newkirk #B-158094	7-6-37	mal. misch. (fel.) poss. of stink bomb	5-31-38, NYC Ref. execution of sent. stayed, Judge, King Co. Court
Prob. Dept. Kings Co. Court Brooklyn, NY	Solomon Newkirk	convicted 3-17-38	mal. misch. misd.	5-31-38; NY City Ref.; Exec. of Judge.; susp. and prob.
PD, Hawthorne, California	Milton Zaslow #N06334	applicant 8-9-40		
PD, Burbank, California	Milton Zaslow #L-20207-V	Lockheed Aircraft 10-11-40		

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ONI and MID Washington, D. C.	Milton Zaslow #CA-1306	sheet metal dept. 10-16-41		
USCG, San Pedro, California	Milton Zaslow	permanent ident #11128809 11-12-42		
SOS, Army	Milton Zaslow #109-LAS	marine machinist 3-23-43		
Commandant, 11th Naval District	Milton Zaslow #MB66/QM (49)	ex-warehouseman 3-26-43		
Commandant, 11th Naval District	Milton Zaslow #NB66/QM	marine machinist 8-31-43		

The records of the Bureau of Identification, Chicago Police Department, were checked by Special Employee [] and contained no information concerning the subject.

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II. ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATIONS

Socialist Worker's Party

T-2, a confidential informant of known reliability, on May 12, 1947 furnished a mimeograph announcement which he had received from MIKE BARTELL, Chicago SWP organizer, announcing that the Labor Action Relief Service, which is known to have been the relief unit of the Worker's Party, had been merged with the American Committee for European Worker's Relief and that the organization would be known under the latter name. The announcement was dated May 10, 1947 and distributed publically and stated that there were no paid functionaries in the American Committee for European Worker's Relief and that all contributions should be made payable to that organization in care of BELLE MEYER, Executive Secretary, at 3609 Dickens Avenue, telephone number Dickens 1561, which address was listed is the address of the committee. C

It should be noted that the telephone number Dickens 1561 is listed to MEYER

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J. MYER, Attorney, and according to informant an SWP member.

It was also announced that M. PAUL HARTICH was chairman of the committee. According to informant HARTICH is a member of the Worker's Party in Chicago, Illinois.

The Worker's Party was designated by Attorney General TOM CLARK on May 27, 1948 as a subversive organization. The American Committee for European Worker's Relief was designated by Attorney General TOM CLARK on May 27, 1948 as a Communist organization.

T-3, a confidential informant of known reliability, advised that EDITH ZASLOW, wife of subject, and subject were members of the North Side Branch of the SWP, Chicago, Illinois, in 1947 and 1948.

T-3 also advised that MIKE BARTELL was in attendance at a SWP meeting held at 777 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois, on July 30, 1947, and read a local executive committee report which designated certain party members to serve in an official executive capacity in the Chicago local. The report designated BARTELL as Local Chairman of the SWP, Chicago.

T-4, a confidential informant of known reliability, advised that subject was to be an instructor at the fall session of a school to be sponsored by the SWP, Chicago, Illinois, on November 23, 1947 under the organization's educational program which program was captioned "American Labor March to Power." According to informant subject was to teach classes which dealt with early trade union organization forms methods and activities.

T-5, a confidential informant of known reliability, advised that subject had told him that he had written to JAMES P. CANNON of the National Office of the Socialist Worker's Party in New York City in the early part of 1948 criticizing CANNON and the "Militant" on their views in opposing the Wallace Progressive Party and suggested a plenum to be held by the National Committee of the Socialist Worker's Party to determine which political party the Socialist Party party workers should follow in the coming elections.

The "Militant" according to T-2 is a newspaper published by the Socialist Worker's Party.

The records of T-6, an agency which collects security information in the Chicago area, reflected that the SWP, Chicago, Illinois, sponsored a rally known as the "Hickman Victory Rally" at the Abraham Lincoln School, 700 East

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Oakwood Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, on January 18, 1948. Arrangements were made for this rally by MIKE BARTELL, SWP organizer, and Mrs. ANNA HICKMAN, wife of JAMES HICKMAN, an individual who shot and killed his landlord after his four children had died in an apartment house fire. Mrs. HICKMAN expressed her gratitude to MIKE BARTELL and the Socialist Worker's Party.

At this rally SAMUEL TAYLOR, who according to informant is financial secretary of the South Side SWP, spoke and urged the purchase of the "Militant" and the magazine "The Fourth International." TAYLOR also made a plea urging persons to join the SWP.

"The Fourth International" according to informant is a magazine published by the SWP.

Reverend G. WATTS, JR., at 1835 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed in connection with another investigation in the Chicago office and advised that he had been contacted in January of 1947 by MIKE BARTELL for the use of the Greater Progressive Baptist Church at 1815 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago, for a mass meeting to be sponsored by the Chicago area Tenants Union. BARTELL told WATTS that he was organizing the union and that the purpose of the meeting was to arouse interest in the removal of conditions which caused fires such as the HICKMAN fire which occurred in January of 1947 in which four of the HICKMAN children lost their lives. According to Rev. WATTS the meeting took place at the church a few days after BARTELL contacted him.

Rev. WATTS stated that BARTELL spoke at this meeting and stated that the Chicago area Tenants Union should not wait for the operation of law to improve living conditions in Chicago, but should use force if necessary to bring about this change. Rev. WATTS further stated that MIKE BARTELL had told him that he was the organizer for the SWP in Chicago and that their headquarters were at 777 West Adams Street, Chicago.

T-7, an individual with a responsible position in the neighborhood of 1815 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago, Illinois, advised that the Chicago area Tenants Union had its headquarters at the Greater Progressive Baptist Church at 1835 West Roosevelt Road and that MIKE BARTELL was the promoter of this Tenants Union. Informant stated that BARTELL had informed him that he had all his members of the SWP present at the meeting of the Union in order that he could officially control the decisions of the Union. T-7 stated that one faction of the union insisted that everything the union does in order to better living conditions in Chicago should be done in accordance with law. T-7 said, however, that MIKE BARTELL stated that it would be necessary for the Tenants Union to take things in its own hand and use force if necessary in order to achieve any results.

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Informant further stated that BARTELL told him he represented the SWP in Chicago and that his associates at the Tenants Union meetings were either members of the SWP or closely associated with it.

T-8 and T-9, confidential informants of known reliability, advised the subject was in attendance as a member of the National Committee of the SWP and as a delegate from Chicago, Illinois to the Socialist Workers Party Convention which was held in New York City July 1 to 5, 1948.

T-1 advised that MIKE BARTELL was in attendance as a delegate from Chicago at the 13th National Convention of the SWP held at Irving Plaza Hall at 15 Irving Place, New York City, from July 1 to July 5, 1948. The above informant stated that subject was in attendance at a membership meeting of the SWP in New York City which was held at the Beethoven Hall on July 22, 1948. Informant stated that subject called this meeting to order and gave a discussion on the manner in which the New York campaign would be handled with relation to the coming Presidential election.

BARTELL stated that the tissue forms which had been prepared for the SWP met all the requirements of law and stated that the party had engaged a good attorney to see that the candidates names received a place on the Presidential and Vice-Presidential ballots. Informant advised that BARTELL further stated that the campaign would be conducted in a form of street corner meetings, house-to-house visiting and solicit the help from sympathizers in obtaining signatures for placing the names for candidates on the ballots. He stated the SWP headquarters would be converted into campaign headquarters and would be open day and night.

ENCLOSURE TO NEW YORK

One photograph of subject.

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Reverend G. WATTS, JR., 1835 West Roosevelt Road, Pastor of the Progressive Baptist Church, 1815 West Roosevelt Road, furnished a signed statement which is set forth in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 15, 1948 at Chicago, Illinois, entitled, "JOHN EDWARD WEST, aka, Loyalty of Government Employees." This signed statement reflects the information with reference to MIKE BARTELL in this report.

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T-7 was also interviewed with reference to the above loyalty investigation and the information set forth in this report was furnished by T-7 with relation to the employee JOHN EDWARD WEST, loyalty investigation.

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IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. 100-17635

August 18, 1949

Director, FBI

Re: MILTON ZASLOW, was
INTERNAL SECURITY - SWP

Dear Sir:

The captioned individual, the subject of a Security Index card heretofore maintained at this office, has moved to an address within another Field Division. The Bureau is requested to correct the Security Index card maintained at the Seat of Government, and the Field Division for which copies hereof are designated below is requested to prepare for inclusion in its Security Index card file a Security Index card captioned as follows and bearing the appropriate case file number:

MILTON ZASLOW, was Michael Bartel, Mike Bartell, Michael Bartell, Mike Bartel, Solomon Newkirk.

Address, 128 West 111th Street, New York City, New York.

Business Address, New York Local Socialist Worker's Party, 115 University Place.

Native born.

Communist and SWP member.

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The following copies of serials containing important information concerning the subject are being forwarded to the Field Division covering subject's new address, together with its copies of this letter:

Photostatic copy of report of SA DAVID W. MAGEE dated 9-19-44, Los Angeles.

Report of SA DAVID W. MAGEE dated 1-18-45, Los Angeles, California.

Report of SA DAVID W. MAGEE dated 2-24-45, Los Angeles, California.

Report of SA [redacted] dated 4-5-46, Chicago, Illinois.

Report of SA DAVID W. MAGEE dated 7-10-46, Los Angeles, California.

Report of SA [redacted] dated 6-18-47, Chicago, Illinois.

The New York Office has copies of all other pertinent serials in the above captioned matter.

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In view of the fact that the New York Field Division has verified the present residence of the subject in its Division, this office is considering New York as the new office of origin, and this case is being RUC'd to that office with the submission of this communication.

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CC:

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New York

Field Division (Enc.)

Very truly yours,

G. R. McSwain

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DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: MILTON ZASLOW, was
INTERNAL SECURITY - SWP

Enclosures to New York cont.

The Security Index Card, original and duplicate, and a Communist Index Card, original and aliases cards. It is to be noted that a photograph of subject is attached to the duplicate Security Index Card.

This is to advise that no stop has been placed on the subject in the Identification Section of the FBI. The Bureau has copies of handwriting specimens of subject.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: October 5, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: MILTON ZASLOW, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - SWP
(Bureau file 100-313123)

MIKE BARTELL

This subject is being placed on the Key Figure list of the New York Office in view of the fact that he is a member of the National Committee of the Socialist Workers Party and organizer of the New York Local.

Hand writing specimens have been previously furnished to the Bureau by the Chicago Office and a photograph of the subject is enclosed herewith.

MILTON ZASLOW

A report will be submitted to the Bureau in the near future.

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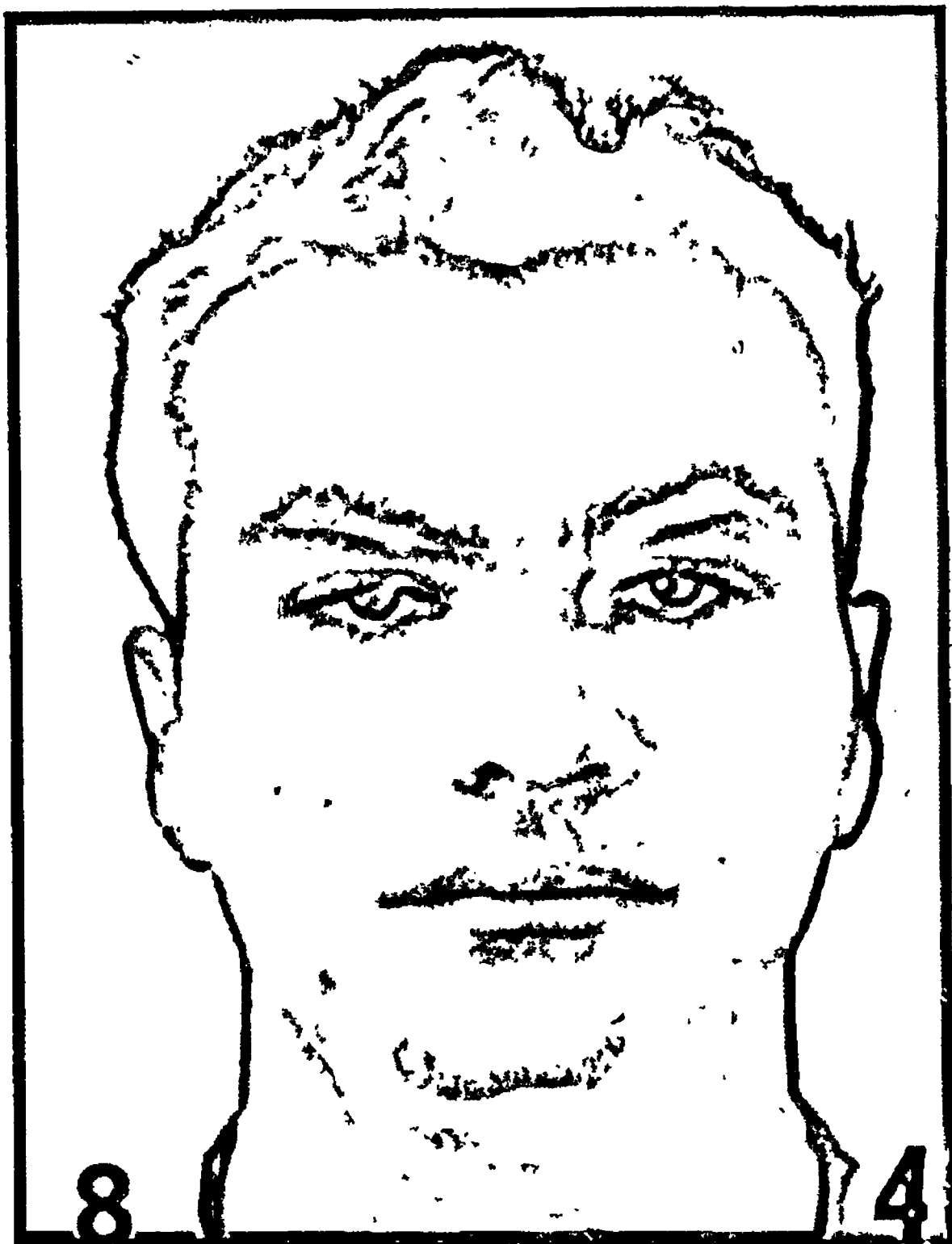
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NY FILE NO. 100-61928 DC

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 11/16/49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/3, 6, 7, 12-14/49	REPORT MADE BY
TITLE MILTON ZASLOW was. Michael Bartell, Mike Bartell, Mike Bartel, Solomon Newkirk			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - SWP

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject attended 13th National Convention of SWP. Was elected a member of National Committee. Presently resides at 142 Forsythe Street, NYC and is employed as Organizer by NY Local of SWP. Was elected regular member of NYC Committee at City Convention held 1/22-23/49. Subject is member of Central Branch of SWP. Currently campaigning as SWP candidate for Mayor of NYC.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau file 100-313123.
Report of SA JOHN G. GROVES, 8/18/49, Chicago.

DETAILS:

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised that the subject was in attendance at the 13th National Convention of the Socialist Workers Party held July 1-5, 1948 in New York City.

Confidential Informants T-2 and T-3, both of known reliability, advised that during a discussion on the militarization of the United States and the task of the Socialist Workers Party, during the second day of the 13th National Convention of the Socialist Workers Party (July 2, 1948) at New York City, MIKE BARTELL was in attendance and addressed the delegates. He stated that the drive toward war could be stopped only by the proletariat.

On the fifth day of the 13th National Convention

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(July 5, 1948), T-1, T-2 and T-3 each submitted a list of the National Committee and the alternates elected at the convention. These lists were substantiated by information furnished by Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability. The subject's name appeared on these lists as a regular committee member.

Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, advised that MANNY TRBOVICH, a Socialist Workers Party member, advised on July 14, 1948 that MIKE BARTELL, formerly Chairman of the Chicago Local of the Socialist Workers Party, had left Chicago and was employed by National Socialist Workers Party headquarters in New York City.

Confidential Informant T-1 reported that on July 22, 1948 a General Membership Meeting of the Socialist Workers Party was held at Beethoven Hall, New York City. The Informant stated that MIKE BARTELL called the meeting to order and gave a discussion on the manner in which the New York campaign (1948 Presidential campaign) would be handled. BARTELL stated that the petition which had been prepared for the Socialist Workers Party met all the requirements of the law, and stated that the Party had engaged a good lawyer to see that the candidates' names received a place on the Presidential and Vice Presidential ballots. BARTELL stated that the campaign would be conducted in the form of street corner meetings, house to house visiting, and the soliciting of help from sympathizers in obtaining signatures for placing the names of the candidates on the ballots. BARTELL stated that each of the Socialist Workers Party Branch Headquarters would be converted into campaign headquarters and would be open day and night. He also mentioned that the Party expected to use a film and recordings made during the convention, and stated that the recordings might be utilized in street corner meetings.

Confidential Informant T-1 furnished a list of comrades who had participated in a Socialist Workers Party mobilization on Saturday, July 24, 1948. This list contained names of the comrades, together with the branches with which they were affiliated at that time. MIKE BARTELL was listed as a member of the Central Branch of the New York Socialist Workers Party.

T-1 advised that the subject was among those present on January 4, 1949 at a Socialist Workers Party meeting held at Beethoven Hall, New York City for a talk by FRANK GRAHAM, National Committee Member of the Socialist Workers Party, on "Civil War in China". During his speech, GRAHAM stated,

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"The Chinese Trotskyists are a cadre of the Fourth International the same as the American Section".

Confidential Informant T-1 furnished the New York Office a report dated January 22-23, 1949 in which was reflected that persons were elected to the City Committee of the New York Local at the City Convention held January 22-23, 1949. MIKE BARTELL was among those elected as a regular committee member.

On February 17, 1949 Confidential Informant T-6, of known reliability, advised that MIKE BARTELL was the Organizer of the New York Local.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that the subject was one of approximately 200 persons who attended the annual Spring dance of the Socialist Workers Party, held April 8, 1949 at Caravan Hall, New York City.

On April 20, 1949 T-1 advised that in a city letter signed by CHARLES CARSTON, Educational Director, New York Local, it was announced that two new lectures in the New York Local series of Sunday evening lectures would be held at 116 University Place, New York City. The subject of these lectures was "The Crisis of World Stalinism", and was to be given April 10, 1949 by MIKE BARTELL, described as Organizer, New York Local, Socialist Workers Party.

The "Militant", Socialist Workers Party weekly publication, dated June 27, 1949, announced that the Socialist Workers Party planned to participate in the Conference for Civil and Human Rights, to be held June 25, 1949 under the auspices of the Civil Rights Congress in New York City. It quoted the following letter written by MIKE BARTELL to the Civil Rights Congress, accepting the invitation to the conference:

"We are entirely in accord with your stated purpose of rallying public support for the twelve leaders of the Communist Party now on trial for allegedly violating the notorious Smith Law. Our interest in such a struggle is of long standing. The first trial and conviction under this law occurred, as you know, in the Minneapolis trial of 1941, where eighteen leaders of the Socialist Workers Party and members of Teamsters Local 544 were sentenced to prison terms. Despite appeals to the Supreme Court and the President, these men and women are still deprived of their Civil Rights".

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"Political differences notwithstanding, our national organization publicly stated its opposition to the present prosecution of the Communist Party as the news of the indictment was reported in the newspapers.

"On July 28, 1948 the Political Committee of the Socialist Workers Party addressed an open letter to the Central Committee of the Communist Party, offering support against the prosecution, in cooperation in organizing a broad united defense committee.

"Closely allied to the Smith Act in its repressive effects is Truman's Executive Order 9835, upon which the Department of Justice's subversive black list and loyalty purges are being carried out. Here too, our organization has been among those victimized. You are undoubtedly acquainted with the case of JAMES KUTCHER, the legless veteran who was fired from his job with the Veterans Administration because of membership in the Socialist Workers Party. We are convinced that we have much to contribute to your conference as the result of our experience in the struggle against the Smith Act and in the protest movement against the firing of JAMES KUTCHER.

"Let us say in conclusion that the time is long overdue for the organization of a broad united front movement in defense of civil rights and against the steady encroachment of thought control and police state machines. We trust that you will agree that such a movement can be effectively and successfully instituted on the condition that it includes all clubs, individuals and organizations devoted to the cause of civil liberties and democratic rights regardless of political opinions and differences."

The "Militant", dated August 8, 1949 advised that on August 4, 1949 the Socialist Workers Party announced its entry into the New York City Municipal Election campaign with candidates for the major offices. A photograph was carried of the subject, who, it was stated, was a candidate for the office of Mayor. The "Militant" stated that BARTELL "fired the opening shot of the SWP campaign in a statement assailing the conditions that exist in the nation's largest and richest city".

The August 15, 1949 issue of the "Militant" stated that MICHAEL BARTELL, candidate for the office of Mayor of New York City, would be one of the speakers at the Socialist Workers Party Election Rally to commemorate LEON TROTSKY, at the Cornish Arms Hotel, 31 West 23rd Street, New York City on August 24, 1949.

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The August 22, 1949 issue of the "Militant" carried a squib announcing that MIKE BARTELL would be the speaker at a Trotsky Memorial Meeting to be held August 26, 1949 at 423 Springfield Avenue, Newark, New Jersey.

Confidential Informant T-7, of known reliability, advised that MIKE BARTELL was present at a meeting of the City Committee of the Socialist Workers Party, held August 1, 1949 at 116 University Place, New York City. 116 University Place is the headquarters of the Socialist Workers Party.

Confidential Informant T-7 advised that the subject was in attendance at the City Committee Meeting of the New York Local on September 6, 1949.

On September 19, 1949 Confidential Informant T-7 advised that on September 10, 1949 a statement was issued and signed by JANICE NEUBERGER, Secretary-Treasurer, New York Local, Socialist Workers Party. It was notarized by REBA G. HANSEN, Notary Public. HANSEN is a Socialist Workers Party functionary. The statement was written on Socialist Workers Party stationery and addressed, "To Whom it May Concern". It read as follows:

"This is to certify that MIKE BARTELL of 142 Forsythe Street is the Organizer of the New York Local of the Socialist Workers Party and JANICE NEUBERGER of 522 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, is the Secretary-Treasurer of the New York Local of the Socialist Workers Party".

In the September 19, 1949 issue of the "Militant" appears an article written by MIKE BARTELL entitled, "NEWBOLD MORRIS, like O'DWYER, Serves Wall Street". In this article the subject attacks NEWBOLD MORRIS, Republican-Fusion candidate for Mayor of New York City, and the incumbent Mayor O'DWYER, both of whom he states support Wall Street. The main portion of the article is devoted to an attack on the subway fare, which was raised from five cents to ten cents in 1948 in New York City.

A review of issues of the "Militant" from September 26, 1949 to date reflects that the subject is presently campaigning for the office of Mayor of New York City. Numerous campaign speeches of the subject are printed in this publication. In his speeches BARTELL criticizes all opposing parties, the present city government, capitalism, and expounds the advantages of the Socialism of LEON TROTSKY.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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DETAILS:

The title of this case is being marked changed in order to include the additional alias of "Bart", which Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised is the alias used by the subject when attending meetings of the Club Executive of the Socialist Workers Party.

A perusal of the minutes of the Club Executive, furnished by T-1, reflects that the Club Executive is made up of members of the National Committee of the Socialist Workers Party and formulates high policy for the party.

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T-4 and T-5, all of known reliability, the identity of members and alternate members of the National Committee and the identity of members of the Control Commission of the Socialist Workers Party was ascertained. These Informants attended a National Convention of the Socialist Workers Party held July 1 through 5, 1948 in New York City. Following is information furnished concerning the subject:

MILTON ZASLOW, with aliases: Michael Bartell, Mike Bartell, Mike Bartel, Solomon Newkirk.
Party Name: Mike Bartell.
Member of the National Committee of the Socialist Workers Party.
Organizer of New York Local.

On March 31, 1950 T-1 advised that the subject continues as a member of the National Committee, Organizer of the New York Local of the Socialist Workers Party, and one of the more active members of the Socialist Workers Party in New York City.

T-1 reported on January 31, 1950 that the subject resides with his wife, EDITH ZASLOW at 206 East 17th Street, New York City.

T-1 advised that Comrade IRVING STEINER announced on April 6, 1949 that on the following Sunday BARTELL would lead the Socialist Workers Party, Chelsea Branch in a discussion on Stalinism.

T-2 reported that MICHAEL BARTELL was a member of the Socialist Workers Party May Day committee in 1949.

On February 23, 1950 T-1 advised that the subject was in attendance at Club Executive #12, held May 31, 1949 under the alias of "Bart". On the same date T-1 stated that "Bart" attended Club Executive #13, held June 7, 1949.

T-1 advised that at a City Committee meeting of the Socialist Workers Party in New York, held early in June 1949, MICHAEL BARTELL announced that the Civil Rights Congress was calling a conference on Civil Rights in America and the political committee of the Socialist Workers Party had taken the matter up and decided to intervene.

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T-1 reported on December 27, 1949 that at Club Executive meeting #16 held July 16, 1949, BARTELL was present and made a lengthy report on the Bill of Rights Conference held July 16 and 17, 1949 at the Henry Hudson Hotel in New York City. The main part of this report dealt with the refusal of the Stalinists at the conference to identify the case of the 18 Trotskyists prosecuted under the Smith Act in Minneapolis in 1941 with that of the 12 Communist leaders then being tried in the Southern District of New York under the same act, and in turn, vote for a resolution at this conference for a Presidential Pardon for the 18 convicted Trotskyists.

Confidential Informant T-6, of known reliability, during the summer of 1949, furnished information indicating that MILTON ZASLOW was among those attending Mountain Spring Camp, Washington, New Jersey, which is maintained by the Socialist Workers Party.

On September 8, 1949 T-1 advised that MIKE BARTELL was a member of the City Committee of the New York Local of the Socialist Workers Party at that time.

On February 28, 1950 T-1 reported that "Bart" attended Club Executive #19 held September 13, 1949. The Tite-Stalin Conflict was discussed at this meeting. "Bart" reported the discussion of this matter had been held up in the Branches until it had been discussed, positions clarified and then discussion had been opened up in the Party on the basis of the position developed in the leadership. He also felt that nothing should be written in the paper ("The Militant", Socialist Workers Party weekly newspaper, according to T-2), until a clearly defined position had been taken by the leadership.

Later in the meeting, "Bart" reported on any trend toward Stalinism there might be in the ranks of the Socialist Workers Party, stating that if there was any conciliatism toward Stalinism in the ranks, he had not detected it.

At the same meeting, the subject advised he was in favor of giving "critical support" to BEN DAVIS, American Labor Party Candidate for Councilman in the New York Municipal Elections of 1949, and stated "our aim is to carry through a murderous attack against DAVIS and STALIN under cover of critical support."

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Confidential Informant T-7, of known reliability, advised that at a meeting of the Board of Education of the City of New York, September 15, 1949, concerning the Feinberg Act, MICHAEL BARTELL, representing the Socialist Workers Party, was among the individuals present to protest this act which barred Communists and members of other subversive groups from teaching in the New York school system.

T-1 advised that a letter dated September 23, 1949 and bearing the mimeographed signature of MICHAEL BARTELL as Organizer, New York Local, was addressed to "Dear Friend" advising that a class on Trotskyism was to begin September 26, 1949 at 8:00 p.m. at 116 University Place.

T-1 stated on February 28, 1950 that the subject was in attendance at Club Executive #20 held September 20, 1949. On the same date, T-1 advised that the subject attended Club Executive #21 held September 27, 1949. One of the topics discussed at this meeting was Yugoslavia. "Bart" reported on the procedure to be followed in discussing this matter in the New York area. He stated that at a meeting of the City Committee of the Socialist Workers Party in New York, it was decided that the best thing was to hold a lecture-type meeting on this question inasmuch as it was felt that such a meeting would attract many interested people and draw them closer to the Party. He advised that the City Committee decided further that a public meeting would be held, at which time a fundamental Trotskyist analysis of the Tito-Stalin Fight would be given, and then hold an internal membership meeting which would go into the entire question of Eastern Europe and all related questions, including the Tito-Stalin conflict.

One of the members of the Club Executive raised an objection to this procedure because he felt that the internal membership meeting should be held prior to the public meeting in order to avoid questions from the floor by comrades, which might be difficult to answer and cause an embarrassing controversy at a public meeting. To this "Bart" answered "the comrades know that a public meeting is not the place to raise questions of an internal nature. They have been notified an internal meeting is being planned on the entire question. I think they have enough experience to keep within bounds at a public meeting. We considered the question of priority - should the internal discussion come first? We didn't see that there was any particular reason for that."

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Later in the meeting it was decided that the Socialist Workers Party would not give "critical support" to BEN DAVIS, American Labor Party Candidate for Councilman in the New York Municipal Elections. The subject objected and refused to give this discussion to the City Committee. He felt that the Socialist Workers Party would gain most by going on record as giving "critical support" to DAVIS, while at the same time discrediting him. T-1 advised that "Bart" took no part in other discussions at this meeting.

On September 29, 1949, T-1 advised that a letter under the letterhead of the Socialist Workers Party, 116 University Place, New York City, by MICHAEL BARTELL as Organizer, New York Local, announced a city-wide membership meeting to take place on that date at Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City, and a public meeting to be held at the same place on October 9, 1949. On the same date T-1 advised that M. BARTELL was a member of the Central Branch of the Socialist Workers Party in New York. T-1 advised on October 12, 1949 that the subject, in a seven page letter to the "New York Post Home News", a New York newspaper, complained that the paper was ignoring the Socialist Workers Party Election campaign of 1949. T-1 reported that the subject attended Club Executive #23, held October 18, 1949.

"The Militant" dated October 31, 1949, reported that a mass meeting to celebrate the Thirty-second Anniversary of the Russian Revolution, and also to wind up the Mayoralty Campaign of the Socialist Workers Party in New York, would be held November 4 at the Cornish Arms Hotel in New York. Among the speakers would be MICHAEL BARTELL, Candidate for Mayor.

In an open letter to the editor of the "Compass", a New York newspaper, which letter was published in the November 3, 1949 issue of this publication, MICHAEL BARTELL, then Socialist Workers Party Candidate for Mayor of New York, stated that the Socialist Workers Party was the only party on the subversive list of both HARRY TRUMAN and JOSEF STALIN. In this letter he criticized the Communist Party, the Democratic and Republican Parties and the Socialist Party of NORMAN THOMAS and quoted that the only party working toward the best interests of the people was the Socialist Workers Party.

T-1 advised on November 4, 1949 that MICHAEL BARTELL spoke October 28, 1949 on "The Road to a Workers Administration in City Hall," at Hunts Point Palace, 953 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, New York. On the same date T-1 stated that MICHAEL BARTELL was one of those to be honored at an election

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party of the Harlem-Bronx Branches at 103 West 110th Street on November 5, 1949.

A review of the issues of "The Militant" from September 26, 1949 through November 21, 1949 reflects that the subject as Socialist Workers Party Candidate for Mayor of New York City in 1949 Municipal Elections, made numerous speeches before varied groups throughout the city. In his speeches BARTELL criticized all opposing parties, the current City Government and capitalism, expounding the advantages of the socialism of LEON TROTSKY.

In an article appearing in the November 7, 1949 issue of "The Militant" datelined November 2, 1949 and entitled "Socialist Workers Party Finishes Effective New York Election Campaign", "Bart" attacked incumbent Mayor WILLIAM O'DWYER, NEWBOLD MORRIS, Republican and Liberal Candidate and VITO MARCANTONIO, Candidate of the American Labor Party. In pointing out that the Socialist Workers Party had waged a successful and effective campaign, "Bart" stated "In sharp contrast to the mumbo-jumbo practices of other candidates that they would represent 'all the people', the Socialist Workers Party Candidates waged a clear-cut campaign around the slogan of putting a labor administration in City Hall.

"Over the radio, on television, at large election forums, street rallies and at union meetings, the Socialist Workers Party Candidates carried their Socialist message and their fight for civil rights to tens of thousands of workers.

"This was unquestionably one of the most effective campaigns ever conducted by the Trotskyists in this city. It proved that there is one party that can be depended on to carry on an uncompromising fight against Wall Street and its supporters."

"The Militant" dated November 21, 1949 gave a report on returns of minor parties in New York Municipal Elections in 1949. Quoting a Police Department tally of the New York City Mayoralty election returns, it stated MICHAEL BARTELL, Socialist Workers Party Candidate for Mayor received 1379 votes. "The Militant" explained that though this total marked a decline from the 2249 votes received by FARRELL DOBBS and GRACE CARLSON (Socialist Workers Party Presidential and Vice Presidential Candidates in 1948) in 1948, the proportion to the total votes cast remained roughly the same inasmuch as a considerable larger number of voters went to the polls the previous year.

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On February 23, 1950 T-1 advised that "Bart" attended Club Executive #25 held November 15, 1949, but did not take an active part in the discussions of this meeting.

T-1 reported on December 27, 1949, that "Bart" was in attendance at Club Executive #28 held December 13, 1949.

On January 24, 1950 Confidential Informant T-8, of known reliability, reported that "Bart" attended Club Executive #1 held January 3, 1950. According to T-8 the subject did not take an active part in the discussions at this meeting. T-8 also advised that "Bart" attended Club Executive #2 held January 10, 1950.

By report dated January 15, 1950 T-2 advised that he attended a City Membership Meeting of the New York Local of the Socialist Workers Party at Werdermans Hall, which is located at 156-160 Third Avenue, New York City. Approximately 125 persons were in attendance. MICHAEL BARTELL, acting as chairman of the meeting, has introduced MORRIS STEIN, a member of the National Committee of the Socialist Workers Party, who gave a talk on "The Work of the International Movement". In his talk STEIN reviewed the situation and development of the Trotskyist movement in various countries throughout the world.

T-2 on March 10, 1950 advised that MICHAEL BARTELL, Organizer of the New York Local, was author of an article entitled "The New York Local - Report and Prospectives", which appeared in the Socialist Workers Party Bulletin of February 9, 1950. In this article the subject reviewed the activities of the Socialist Workers Party in the past, the lessons to be learned from them and set out plans for future activity.

On the evening of February 3, 1950 the writer attended a public meeting sponsored by the Socialist Workers Party at Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City. JAMES P. CANNON, National Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party, according to T-2, acted as chairman of the meeting. JAMES KUTCHER and VINCENT R. DUNNE were speakers at this meeting. DUNNE is a member of the National Committee of the Socialist Workers Party and KUTCHER is a Socialist Workers Party member in New Jersey according to Confidential Informant T-2. At the conclusion of the meeting, MIKE BARTELL led the approximately 150 persons assembled in singing the "Internationale".

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T-3 advised that MORRIS STEIN for the political committee, addressed a letter from the Socialist Workers Party Headquarters in New York dated January 12, 1950 to all National Committee members, alternates and members of the Control Commission. The letter announced a four day plenary meeting of the National Committee in New York City from February 10, 1950 to February 13, 1950. Attendance would be strictly confined to regular members and alternates committee of the National Committee, the Control Commission and the National Department heads. However, after the Plenum, the Plenum tabulations would be reported to the Branches of the National Committee members in their territory or by special arrangement in other cases.

On March 16, 1950 T-1 was able to furnish the greater part of the minutes of the Plenum, which reflected that the subject was one of the National Committee members present under the alias of "Bart". The subject was observed on February 10, 1950 and February 13, 1950 by Special Agent [redacted] and the writer entering the Socialist Workers Party Headquarters, 116 University Place, New York City, during the course of the Plenum. A perusal of the minutes of the Plenum furnished by T-1 reflects that the subject attended practically all sessions. Following are the sessions in which the subject took an active part with the various dates and times set out:

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Discussion of Buffer Countries Report - First Session held February 11, 1950 at 11:00 a.m.

Discussion of Buffer Countries Report - Second Session held February 11, 1950 at 2:45 p.m.

Eastern European Discussion held February 12, 1950 at 2:30 p.m.

General Line of IS. (International Secretariat) Resolution held February 12, 1950.

On February 20, 1950 T-1 furnished the minutes of Club Executive #6 held February 7, 1950 which reflects that the subject was in attendance under the alias of "Bart".

T-2 furnished reports dated February 25 and 26, 1950 covering the City Convention of the New York Local of the Socialist Workers Party held on those dates, which reflect the subject in attendance both dates.

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On Saturday, February 25, 1950, according to T-2, MICHAEL BARTELL gave the City Organizer's Report in which he reviewed the past activities of the Local and outlined the future plans and strategy of the Local.

On February 26, 1950 BARTELL gave a summary of his previous day's report which was voted on and accepted by the Convention.

Later on February 26, 1950 nomination and election of the new City Committee took place. MIKE BARTELL was elected a regular member of the City Committee.

T-8 advised on April 13, 1950 that BARTELL was in attendance at Club Executive #8 held March 7, 1950.

On May 11, 1950 T-1 furnished a letter dated May 8, 1950 under the letterhead of the Socialist Workers Party, 116 University Place, New York City, and bearing the mimeographed signature of MICHAEL BARTELL as Organizer, New York Local, Socialist Workers Party. The letter is addressed to "Dear Friend" and announces an important internal meeting on Yugoslavia. Attendance to be limited to Party members only and to be held Sunday May 14, 1950 at 2:00 p.m. at Beethoven Hall, 210 East 5th Street, New York City. BARTELL explains in the letter that the May Day Proclamation of the Yugoslav Communist Party calling upon the workers to return to Leninism in a struggle against Stalinism is the climax of a series of extremely important developments for the World Labor Movement and for the Socialist Workers Party. According to the subject there is no more important issue today in world politics than Yugoslavia and thus the discussion of the matter by membership meeting is necessary.

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A perusal of Club Executive minutes reflects that "Bart" reports to the Club Executive on the activities of the New York City Committee.

On February 26, 1950 T-2 furnished a list of the members of the New York City Committee, a review of which reflects that the subject is the only member of the National Committee of the Socialist Workers Party who is a member of the City Committee. Inasmuch as Club Executives are made up of National Committee members, it is apparent that "Bart" is the alias used by the subject at Club Executive meetings. It should also be noted that "Bart" is a shortened form of BARTELL.

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TITLE MILTON ZASLOW, was: Michael Bartell, Mike Bartell, Mike Bartel, Solomon Newkirk, "Bart"			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY-SWP

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject resides at 206 East 17th St., NYC. Continues to be member of SWP National Committee. Subject has attended and spoken at meetings and functions sponsored by SWP, N. Y. Local. Subject conducted six weekly lectures at SWP Headquarters on the "Decline of the Third International, etc." Subject attended SWP Legislative Convention at headquarters on 7/14/50. He attended SWP Election Rally and 33rd Anniversary of Russian Revolution at Hotel Capitol, NYC, on 11/3/50. Subject was SWP candidate for Governor of State of New York in 1950 elections. Radio broadcasts of SWP election campaign by subject admissible as evidence and reviewed. Speeches reflect SWP propaganda against Mc. Carran-Kilgore Act and U. S. intervention in Korea and against U. S. imperialist aggression. Subject attended National Convention held 11/24-26/50 at Central Park Plaza Hotel, NYC and was reelected member of National Committee.

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DETAILS:

Recent investigation reflects that subject presently resides at 206 East 17th Street, New York City.

The Socialist Workers Party will hereinafter be referred to as the SWP. The SWP is an organization which has been declared by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order #9835.

On April 14, 1950, Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised that in November, 1948, the subject as MIKE BARTELL was transferred into the SWP, New York Local.

On February 23, 1950, Confidential Informant T-1 made available the minutes of Club Executive #25 meeting held November 15, 1949 showing that the subject attended this meeting and was known to the informant as "BART." T-1 advised on February 7, 1950 that the subject attended a meeting of Club Executive #5 on January 31, 1950.

Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, on February 26, 1950 furnished the names of the regular delegates and alternates of the City Committee of Local New York of the SWP elected on February 26, 1950 at the City Convention which he attended. Among the names furnished was that of MICHAEL BARTELL.

Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised that the subject attended a Club Executive meeting on March 21, 1950 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

On May 17, 1950, T-1 made available a copy of a letter written by the subject announcing to "Dear Friend" a city-wide membership meeting of Local New York on April 13, 1950 to plan the 1950 State election campaign and the "militant and election campaign fund drive." The subject stated that he would speak on the election prospects while WARDE (WILLIAM F. WARDE) would speak on the National Fund Drive.

According to T-1, WILLIAM F. WARDE is a member of the

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National Committee of the SWP.

On June 2, 1950, T-1 made available a copy of a mimeographed letter dated May 2, 1950 from MIKE BARTELL as Organizer of New York Local of the SWP announcing to "Dear Friend" a City membership meeting to be held at 1:30 P. M. on May 2, 1950 and to be addressed by Comrade COCHRAN (BERT COCHRAN) on "National Trade Union Policy."

This informant advised that BERT COCHRAN is a member of the National Committee of the SWP.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised on May 17, 1950 that the subject attended a meeting of Club Executive #12 on May 2, 1950. Informant advised that this meeting dealt chiefly with SWP efforts to develop contacts among the Yugoslavs and pro-Titoists.

T-1 on May 11, 1950 made available a copy of a mimeographed letter dated May 8, 1950 to "Dear Friend" from the subject as Organizer of New York Local of SWP announcing a New York membership meeting to be held at Beethoven Hall, 210 East 5th Street, New York City on May 14, 1950 at 2 P. M. The letter advised the comrades of an "important internal meeting on Yugoslavia," attendance at which would be limited to Party members.

BARTELL said that the May Day proclamation of the Yugoslavian Communist Party, calling upon the workers to return to Leninism in the struggle against Stalinism, was the climax of a series of extremely important developments in the world labor movement and for the SWP. BARTELL said there was no more important issue today in world politics than Yugoslavia. All branches in the Eastern area were urged to send representatives to the meeting.

Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, advised that he attended this meeting of the SWP. According to this informant, the subject was one of the speakers at the meeting who announced that Marshal TITO of Yugoslavia was then

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conferring with Trotskyites on matters of policy.

T-1 advised on June 2, 1950 that according to the City Letter of May 24, 1950, Local New York of the SWP was sponsoring a "Yugoslavian Affair" on June 2, 1950 at Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City. The program was to consist of a showing of "The Unconquered People," a full-length Yugoslav film based on the struggles of the Partisans and a short talk by Comrade MIKE BARTELL on "The American Workers' Stake in Yugoslavia's Struggle."

T-1 on May 10, 1950 advised that the subject pledged \$30. as a member of the Downtown Branch to the National Fund of the SWP.

On May 17, 1950, T-1 made available a copy of a mimeographed letter dated May 11, 1950 to "Dear Friend" from ARTHUR KENT, Organizer of the Internationalist Socialist Youth, announcing a class on "The Decline of the Third International (Comintern) and the Evolution of the Fourth International," beginning May 15, 1950 at SWP Headquarters, 116 University Place, New York City. According to this letter, subject was to be the instructor. The course was to consist of six weekly sessions of lectures and discussions. The class would trace the role of the Trotskyites' opposition to the Comintern and the emergence of the Fourth International.

On June 8, 1950, T-1 advised that the subject attended a meeting of Club Executive #14 held on May 31, 1950.

Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, advised that the subject attended the SWP Legislative Convention held on July 14 and 15, 1950.

Confidential Informant T-6, of known reliability, advised that all that took place at this convention was the listening by the members to JOE HANSEN'S, SWP comrade and candidate for United States Senator, delivery of a SWP election talk over the radio.

On July 31, 1950, T-1 advised that the subject was

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the SWP candidate for the Governor of the State of New York to run on the SWP ticket for the 1950 New York State elections.

On August 3, 1950, T-1 made available a five-page letter written by the subject and addressed to PERRY CARTWRIGHT dealing with the efforts of the comrades, including PERRY CARTWRIGHT, LOU BECKER, and GEORGE ROCK to gather signatures on SWP petitions in Upstate New York to place SWP candidates on the ballot in the 1950 elections. According to this informant the above named individuals are all members of the SWP.

On August 17, 1950, Confidential Informant T-4 advised that he had attended the regular meeting of the Philadelphia Branch of the SWP, held at Party Headquarters, 1303 West Girard Avenue, Philadelphia on August 16, 1950. The informant further advised that the subject was a featured speaker at this particular meeting and discussed the general topic, "The Korean Situation."

According to the informant, the subject in his remarks stated that the official position of the SWP in relation to the war in Korea is that the Party is in complete sympathy with the invasion of South Korea by the Communist North Korean forces, and is hopeful of an ultimate victory by the Communist forces over the forces of the United Nations.

BARTELL further stated that the SWP is in complete agreement with the "policy of the Stalinists in Korea" and differs with them on only one point, the fact that the Stalinists did not nationalize all industrial plants in Korea but allowed certain individual industrialists to continue to operate their plants independently. BARTELL stated that the reason for the Stalinists' actions in this regard was simply that the Stalinists did not have trained personnel to administer such plants and were forced to allow such industrialists to operate their plants independently. BARTELL added, however, that when trained personnel becomes available, the Stalinists would either replace such industrialists, or after nationalizing their plants, retain them as mere employees.

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According to the informant, BARTELL explained that, while the above was the official position of the SWP toward the conflict in Korea, the Party did not desire that it become generally known that such was their position. The informant advised that BARTELL further stated that the entire Korean situation was "brought on by the American occupation policy in Korea" which he described as "a policy of exploitation."

During the course of his address, subject made frequent reference to a work entitled "Korea Today," written by one Professor MC CUNE, and pointed out that although MC CUNE was sympathetic towards the United States, he treated the matter in a scientific light and admitted that American foreign policy in relation to Korea was responsible for the present conflict.

According to the informant, subject placed responsibility for the division of Korea at the 38th parallel on the United States, and stated that as a result of such division, the Korean nation was not able to exist economically, since certain products in the North were essential to the economy of Southern Korea and vice versa.

BARTELL added that the SWP regards the invasion of the North Korean forces as "a true revolutionary movement" and stated that the Party was hopeful that the North Koreans would drive out the American forces of imperialism "into the sea." He further stated that the Trotskyite movement was hopeful that once the North Koreans have driven American troops from the shores of Korea, that country will come under the domination of the Communist regime in China and that the latter regime would become "a true Communist group" by declaring its independence from Moscow.

On August 21, 1950, Confidential Informant T-4 advised that he had attended the 10th Trotsky Memorial Meeting sponsored by the SWP and held August 20, 1950 at the Mountain Spring Camp, Fort Washington, New Jersey. Informant advised that the subject was present at this meeting.

Confidential Informant T-7, of known reliability,

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made available a copy of a letter dated August 28, 1950 which was sent to the Saint Louis Branch of the SWP by the National Offices in New York City. The letter is signed "M. BARTELL." The letter sets forth the role to be played by the SWP in "The Friends of New Yugoslavia." At the end of the letter, names of students from the United States who received the "Shock Workers Award" for effort in the labor brigade in Yugoslavia last Summer are listed. The letter indicates these students travelled under the auspices of the National Student Association of America and suggests appropriate SWP branches contact them.

According to Confidential Informant T-10, of known reliability, the administration and membership of the "Friends of New Yugoslavia" is a purely Titoist Communist organization under full control of the Yugoslav Consul General, MIODRAG MARKOVIC. A

The September 11, 1950 issue of "The Militant," page 4, column 3, carried an article stating that MICHAEL BARTELL, SWP candidate for Governor, personally filed his Party's independent nominating petitions with the office of the New York Secretary of State.

According to Confidential Informant T-2, "The Militant" is a weekly newspaper operated and staffed by members of the SWP and reflects the viewpoints of the SWP.

On September 21, 1950, T-1 advised that according to New York Local City Letter dated September 13, 1950, the subject would assume the duties of campaign manager, concentrating on opening up opportunities for radio and television broadcasts, newspaper publicity, and election forms to carry on the campaign program of the SWP.

SA [] attended the SWP Election Rally held in the Walnut Room, Hotel Capitol, 51st Street and Eighth Avenue, New York City, on September 22, 1950. According to SA [] subject was one of the principal speakers for the evening.

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The subject in his speech stated that in the United States, freedom of speech and assembly, the right of trial by jury, even freedom of religion---"ask Jehovah's Witnesses"---were rapidly coming to an end. BARTELL said that the trend had certain marks. "First was the inquisition as exemplified by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, which compels people to incriminate themselves and to act as stool pigeons against others, even against their own families. Another mark was the purge of the non-conformists in Civil Service, in the unions, etc...., so that these people are being deprived even of their right to earn a living. Another mark was the concentration camp as proposed in the MC CARRAN Bill." BARTELL declared that for the first time in the history of the United States, it would resemble Europe in having prison camps for political dissenters, but BARTELL said there was another side to the picture.

"World War II saw various strikes produced in the United States and also worldwide unrest," and he pointed out that World War II had begun with the United States in much less debt and possessed of a manpower reserve of which it cannot now boast. "Moreover, in World War II, Europe did a great deal of the fighting, but the United States must now supply arms to Europe and do its own fighting and Europe's as well."

BARTELL predicted that World War III would bring much greater unrest and upheavals, and in the end, labor would bring about a Civil War. United States imperialism will be forced to lower the people's standard of living, whereas World War II helped to raise it, and Korea or no Korea, price rises have already fomented strikes in the United States and produced a mild crisis. The crisis will be much worse when the going gets "tough."

Confidential Informant T-1 on November 17, 1950 advised that MICHAEL BARTELL, as SWP candidate for Governor, delivered an acceptance speech over Radio Station WCBS at 11:45 P. M. on October 7, 1950. In this speech BARTELL said that it was now dangerous in America for a man to tell the

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truth because America is in the hands of a ruthless gang of bankers, industrialists, and brass hats who have set out to destroy the nation's democratic institutions and convert America into a land of barracks, concentration camps, and forced labor. However, BARTELL pledged to tell the truth. BARTELL proceeded to attack the MC CARRAN-KILGORE Bill as "a dagger thrust into the very heart of the Bill of Rights." BARTELL said the real aim of this "police state measure" was to gag all opposition to American rulers' schemes for foreign conquest and regimentation at home. He declared: "Like their counterparts in Germany and Japan who have just become transformed from enemies into partners, the United States imperialists are willing to risk the destruction of civilization and squander immeasurable wealth and millions of lives in order to build a world empire." BARTELL declared the SWP and all its candidates would be in the very forefront of the fight against police-staters and Red-baiters.

Confidential Informant T-8, of known reliability, whose testimony is believed admissible in evidence, advised that the SWP obtained time for a series of talks on Radio Station WNEW during the period 9:45 to 10:00 P. M. On October 11, 1950, MICHAEL BARTELL, SWP candidate for Governor, attacked the MC CARRAN-KILGORE Law, which he said was stampeded through Congress by the Republicans and Democrats. He compared the law to the laws of Fascist Italy and Germany and the "dangerous thoughts" legislation of the Japanese Mikado. BARTELL said the Attorney General would define a Communist under this law and a man might be described as a Communist if he were only a Negro shouting for his rights or a low income worker complaining of high prices or a militant union man. The Attorney General could order you into the American version of Dachau or Buchenwald. BARTELL said the Republicans and Democrats passed this law because they wanted a police state in America and wanted to regiment America and silence any opposition to the plans for another war. He said they wanted the law to help break up the labor movement and deny the working people a fighting chance to keep up their standard of living. BARTELL urged the listeners: "Don't knuckle under to this plot to shackle us with a police state."

Confidential Informant T-8 advised that on October

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